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# MINUTES

OF THE

## NEW-ENGLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

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### ABSTRACT OF DAILY PROCEEDINGS.

WE wish to give such account of matters at the Conference as shall commend itself to those who were in attendance and those who were not. An annual session of the New-England Conference is an occasion of much interest among the laity, as well as to the ministers themselves.

The railroads generally are laid under contribution in conveying to and from the seat of the Conference at reduced fare, arrangements for which were made by Bro. Eastman this year.

Preliminary to the assembling of the Conference is the examination of the classes in the course of study provided by the discipline for candidates for admission on trial and for deacons' and elders' orders. This began on Tuesday, before committees of three or four to each of seven classes. The result is reported under the terms "very good," or "satisfactory," "*passable*," "*deficient*;" but, in special cases, the report is closely scrutinized, and the Conference may find satisfaction on independent grounds. With increased facilities for training for the ministry, the exceptions must diminish in number.

Tuesday evening a reunion prayer meeting was held in Worthen-street Church, which was a season of spiritual refreshing. This was continued each morning at eight o'clock, until the close of the Conference, without any abatement of interest.

Wednesday morning, March 24, at nine o'clock, Bishop Thomson took his seat in Conference, and proceeded with the administration of the Lord's Supper. He was assisted by the presiding elders, and by Drs. Butler and Cummings and others; and, at its close, he fervently invoked the divine blessing to attend the deliberations of the entire session.

The roll of the Conference was called, commencing with our venerable father, Thomas W. Tucker, of the class of 1812. Bros. Manning, Bridge, and Bosworth, were re-elected Secretary and Assistants. Business hours were fixed from 8½ to 12, A.M. Nominations for the Standing Committees were read by Bro. Barnes from the Special Committee. Communications from the Wesleyan University, the Mission Rooms, the Book Committee and Book Concern, Tract Society and Sunday-school Union, were presented and referred. Letters were read from several superannuated preachers, living without the bounds of the Conference. Father Crandall, in his letter, counselled the aged ministers to be considerate in accepting advice to enter upon this relation to the ministry, and to prosecute as a life-long work their

calling, under the guidance of divine wisdom. Reports followed in the cases of persons eligible to full membership. Before adjournment, the characters of most of the supernumerary preachers were passed.

The anniversary exercises of the Sunday-school Union began at 2, P. M., Bro. R. W. Allen presiding. Addresses were made by Bro. Barnes, on the relations of parents to the Sunday-school; Bro. C. W. Cushing, on teaching in the Sunday-school; and by Dr. Peirce, who entertained children and adults on the happy issue of doing right, without looking to temporal reward.

At 7½ o'clock, Dr. Warren preached the Conference sermon, from John xiv. 1, — "Ye believe in God, believe also in me." The great issue between Christianity and a Christless Theism was announced as the theme of discourse. He was listened to by a large audience, and evidently wrought conviction upon their minds of the truthfulness of his utterances.

Thursday morning, Dr. Cummings conducted the devotional exercises. Subsequently, the names of members absent Wednesday at the call of the roll were read. Then followed the further consideration of the list of supernumeraries. Later, the class to be admitted to full membership was called, and answered to the disciplinary questions; after which the bishop addressed its members at length.

There were several things concerning which young ministers were unnecessarily anxious: 1. Appointments; for which the Church provided. He would that they might be without trouble relative to these for the remainder of life. It is perfectly safe for every young minister to await the arrangements of the Presiding Elders. The law of God and nature is, that every one finds his level. Make yourselves worthy of the highest appointment if you desire it, and in due time it will be reached. 2. Reputation; what is, and what is not, said of one in print. Character preserved, good repute must continue in a connection like ours. 3. Support: live near the cross, preach evangelically and faithfully, and every community will bestow necessary support. A better support is given the ministry in the United States, voluntarily, than is bestowed anywhere else in the world; and Methodist ministers are the best paid of any, in the bishop's judgment. 4. Success: faithfully sow; the Master will give the increase.

Several things, moreover, are to be observed: 1. Preach not philosophy, but Christ; not about Christ, but Christ made unto us wisdom, righteousness, &c. Exhibit him to sinners and saints. 2. Your spirit: the world says, Blessed are the spunky; Christ, Blessed are the meek. 3. Do all the work of a minister; visit, preach, and administer discipline.

In the afternoon, the anniversary meeting of the New-England Education Society was held; at which Bro. Wm. Rice presided, and addresses were made by Bro. T. B. Smith, Dr. Cummings, and Bro. Twombly.

The Missionary Sermon, Thursday evening, by Bro. Stutson, was based on Matt. xxviii. 18, 19, 20: "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me," &c. The work of the Christian Church, and the power supporting it therein, with the providence operating in all ages among the nations, particularly in our day, constituted the line of a clearly conceived and eloquently delivered discourse.

Friday morning, Dr. True conducted the opening exercises. Dr. Thayer had represented the spiritual and temporal condition of Boston District before adjournment Thursday. Dr. Hascall and Bros. Dorchester and Sherman respectively reported Lynn, Worcester, and Springfield Districts; and the passage of characters was completed, except a few cases.

Dr. Harris, from the Mission Rooms at New York, addressed the Conference upon topics needful to be understood by the pastors. The expenditure of \$725,000 at the South since the Rebellion, in response to the demand to send ministers there, has created the embarrassment of the treasury, that has been the occasion of not a little anxiety, which the doctor's address aimed to relieve as far as proper.

At 2 o'clock, P.M., a meeting was held in the Central Church for the recital of the religious experience through which the brethren admitted to full connection have passed in entering the ministry. It was presided over by Dr. Butler; and the meeting — the first of the kind with us — was very profitable, affording much satisfaction to the large audience present. At 3 o'clock, in the Worthen-street Church, a temperance anniversary was held, Bro. Collyer in the chair. Addresses were made by Bros. W. R. Clark and Parkhurst, the Rev. Dr. Chickering of the Suffolk Temperance Society, and Bro. Mallalieu.

In the evening, Bro. W. R. Clark preached on Ministerial Education from 2 Cor. v. 11: "Knowing the terrors of the Lord, we persuade men." The discourse fully sustained the high estimate in which our brother is held for pulpit ability, and set forth the grounds of successful human persuasion.

Saturday morning, the devotional exercises were conducted by Bro. Brownson. Several were elected to elders' and deacons' orders, from the ranks of the local preachers, and other business was transacted of a miscellaneous character.

The decease of Bro. George Bowler at Nashua, N.H., on Thursday morning, was announced, and followed by appropriate resolutions. This esteemed brother was of the class of 1849. An invitation was extended to the Conference to attend the funeral services on the Sabbath.

The receipt of a telegram during the forenoon from New York, announcing the purchase of a magnificent structure at the corner of Eleventh Street and Broadway, valued at a million of dollars, for the Methodist headquarters in that city, was the occasion of considerable gladness.

In the afternoon, a memorial service was held, in connection with a special session of the Conference, at which Dr. Porter presided. Bro. Sherman read a memoir of our lamented brother, Samuel Tupper; an additional biographical paper was read by Bro. Crowell; and addresses were made by Dr. Cook and Bro. P. Wood. Bro. Tupper was abundant in labors. His praise is in all the churches which he served. The addresses were well received.

In the evening occurred the anniversary of the Freedmen's Aid Society, Bro. Clark presiding. Bro. Haven of "Zion's Herald;" Dr. Rust, Cor. Secretary of the society; and Bro. A. A. Gee, its agent, — addressed the meeting, setting forth the object of the society and the progress made.

The Love Feast on Sunday morning was presided over by Father A. D. Merrill. He testified, "I never felt stronger in God — think the last year the best of my life — joyful enough." Bro. Boyden, "Have a promise, bright and glorious, of Heaven." Bro. Binney, "Happy in the ministry, happy in its prospects." Bro. Cox, "The past is made white in the blood of the Lamb, the present is bright, the future glorious." Bro. E. Otheman, "Jesus saves me now." Bro. Sargent, "His track I see, and I'll pursue the narrow way." Bro. True, "Just in proportion as I trust in Christ I am not in my sins." Bro. Dwight, "Safe in the depths of affliction, saved fully." Bro. Kelley, "Driven closer to the rock, to Jesus; hopes bright and glorious." Bro. Fisk, "Nearness to the shining shore does not detract from the brightness of life." Bro. Parker, "Filled with love, the old times are coming to India." Father Tucker, "I love the Lord because he hath heard my supplication;



therefore will I call upon him as long as I live." The testimonies which combined local references and mention of pastors were frequent, and for an hour and a half the meeting progressed with increasing interest.

At 10 o'clock the church was crowded, to hear the ordination sermon, and witness the induction of five brethren into the office of deacon. Bishop Thomson preached from Psalms ii. 6, 7, 8: "Yet have I set my king upon the holy hill of Zion," &c. He announced for the theme of discourse, "The Kingship of Christ;" and considered it under the heads of "King of Israel," "King of Saints," and "King of the Universe." The bishop held his audience in rapt attention to its close.

The ordination of five elders took place at St. Paul's Church in the afternoon, in the presence of a throng which completely filled the large house. The sermon on the occasion was preached by Dr. Kynett, who selected for his text, Zech. viii. 23: "The Popular Power of the Supernatural in Christianity" constituted the topic of a very able and interesting discourse.

In the evening of the Sabbath was held, at the same place, the Missionary Anniversary, when the house was again filled to its utmost capacity. The bishop presided; and after prayer by Dr. Thayer, and the reading of an abstract from the report of the Treasurer of the Conference Missionary Society, addresses were made by Bro. Parker of the India Mission, Bro. Prentice, and Dr. Butler.

Monday morning, Dr. J. W. Merrill led the devotional services. Reports were now in order. It is only necessary to direct attention to them in their place, we trust, to secure their careful perusal. The preparation of many of them had been assigned in advance to able brethren, and then they had been discussed in committee before their presentation for adoption by the Conference. The report on Temperance, it will be seen, is fully up to the times. On the presentation of the report on the Bible Cause, Rev. Mr. Butler, agent of the Massachusetts Bible Society, addressed the Conference.

The Conference fixed upon Springfield (Pynchon Street), for the seat of our next session. Certificates of ordinations were presented by the bishop. A petition to the Legislature was adopted, for the re-enactment of prohibition, &c.; which was directed to be signed by the President and Secretary in the name of two hundred ministers of Massachusetts in Conference assembled.

An afternoon session was held, when additional reports were submitted, discussed, and adopted. The decease of Bro. B. F. Chace, a probationer in the Conference, was announced as occurring at Worcester, Sunday morning. This brother gave promise of great usefulness. The usual committee was appointed to prepare resolutions, &c. An invitation was voted Bishop Thomson to take up a residence within our bounds. Dr. Cummings presided throughout the session.

In the evening, the anniversary of the Church Extension Society was held, Dr. Cummings in the chair. Addresses were made by Drs. Newhall and Kynett before a select audience, such an one as convenes despite rain. The speeches were not behind any of the fair-weather ones which had preceded; and the work of the Society is taken into the hearts of the people.

Monday morning, the conference was led in its devotional exercises by Bro. Sargeant. It was the general expectation that the appointments would be received during the day or in the evening. Dr. Kynett made a further exposition of the Church Extension interest. Reports from the committees on church extension, statistics, Conference missions, "Zion's Herald," and general missions, were presented and discussed. Church membership on the several districts amounts, in the aggregate, to 25,188, an increase of 4605. The increase of church property exceeds \$200,000.

Bro. Collyer conducted the opening exercises in the afternoon. Dr. Newhall was chosen to preach the next Conference sermon, and Dr. Lindsay that on ministerial education. A committee of five was appointed to present, at the next session, some practicable method for insuring the lives of the Conference in a body. The reports on the Tract cause, on Sunday schools, on the Southern work, and on education, were presented; also the subject of raising missionary money. It was not easy to harmonize upon the last-named topic, so as not to conflict with disciplinary regulations; and adjournment took place at 5 o'clock.

Bro. Boyden led the evening devotions. Appropriations to mission stations in the Conference were reported. Thanks were voted the bishop, and to the friends in Lowell entertaining the ministers, to railroad corporations, &c.

The appointments were read at nine o'clock, after brief remarks by the bishop.

Early on Wednesday morning, brethren took parting hands with the friends in Lowell.

"The vineyard of the Lord  
Before his laborers lies;  
And lo! we see the vast reward  
Which waits us in the skies."

## DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

### *I. Who are admitted on Trial?*

Ira G. Sprague,	Emory A. Howard,	Joseph Candlin,
Samuel H. Noon,	Alfred Noon,	John H. Lord.
William P. Ray was re-admitted as an Elder.		

### *II. Who remain on Trial?*

Wesley C. Sawyer,	Robert G. Adams,	James Mudge,
Thomas W. Bishop,	Levin P. Causey,	Melville B. Chapman

### *III. Who are admitted into Full Connection?*

Nicholas T. Whitaker,	Allen J. Hall,	Hiram D. Weston,
	Houghton S. Booth.	

### *IV. Who are the Deacons?*

Geo. Hewes,	Wm. A. Nottage,	Hiram D. Weston,
*Houghton S. Booth,	Allen J. Hall,	J. Wesley Cole.

### *V. Who have been elected and ordained Elders this year?*

*Nicholas T. Whitaker,	*John A. Lansing,	*Franklin G. Morris.
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### *VI. Who have located this year? None.*

Those marked thus,\* were ordained this year.

*VII. Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*

Bartholomew Otheman,	J. Emory Round,	James W. Mowry,
J. S. Barrows,	Luman Boyden,	Frank C. Morse,
Willard Smith,	Thomas Marcy,	Edwin S. Snow,
Charles H. Sewall,	Jonathan L. Estey,	Edward Otheman,
Charles Noble,	L. D. Stebbins,	Aaron D. Sargeant,
Amos Binney,	John C. Ingalls,	Henry R. Parmenter.
John H. Twombly,	Thomas C. Potter,	

*VIII. Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*

Thomas W. Tucker,	Moses P. Webster,	John M. Merrill,
Newell S. Spaulding,	William A. Clapp,	Erasmus B. Morgan,
Isaac Jennison,	Kinsman Atkinson,	Nathan A. Soule,
Thomas G. Brown,	Abraham D. Merrill,	Gershom F. Cox,
Howard C. Dunham,	Phineas Crandall,	Henry P. Hall,
Ephraim Scott,	Horace Moulton,	Franklin Fisk,
Albert A. Cook,	Samuel A. Cushing,	Mosely Dwight.

*IX. Who have been expelled from the Connection this year?* None.

*X. Who have withdrawn from the Connection this year?* None.

*XI. Are all the Preachers blameless in Life and Conversation?*

*Ans.* This was strictly attended to by calling over their names before the Conference.

*XII. Who have died this year?*

Samuel Tupper, Benjamin F. Chace.

*XIII. What is the number of Church Members and of Probationers? What has been contributed for the support of Missions? What for the Sunday-School Union? What for the Tract Society? What for the American Bible Society?*

*Ans.* See Statistical Tables, pages 43-48.

*XIV. What amounts are necessary for the Superannuated Preachers, and the Widows and Orphans of Preachers, and to make up the Deficiencies of those who have not obtained their Regular Allowance on the Circuits?*

*Ans.* \$7,125.15.

*XV. What has been collected on the foregoing Accounts? and how has it been applied?*

For answer to this question, see Report of Preachers' Aid Society, through its Treasurer.

*XVI. Where and when shall our next Conference be held?*

*Ans.* At Springfield, with the Pynchon-street Church; the time to be fixed hereafter, by the Bishops.

*XVII. Where are the Preachers stationed this year?*

*Ans.* See pages, 49-52.



## COMMITTEES.

## STANDING COMMITTEES.

*Public Worship.*

G. Whitaker, W. C. High, S. F. Jones.

*Education.*

W. F. Mallalieu, W. F. Warren, A. Canoll, W. C. High, E. D. Winslow, J. Cummings  
C. W. Cushing, W. Rice, N. D. George, G. Prentice, E. Cooke, S. B. Sweetser,  
J. W. Merrill, C. D. Hills, N. Fellows.

*Bible Cause.*

A. M. Osgood, C. H. Hanaford, F. Woods, S. F. Upham, J. W. Hamilton, T. B. Treadwell,  
F. G. Morris, J. A. DeForrest, S. Roy.

*Tract and Book Cause.*

W. R. Clark, A. O. Hamilton, S. F. Jones, L. T. Townsend, C. A. Merrill, I. Marcy,  
J. E. Round, A. McKeown, W. B. Toulmin.

*Temperance.*

I. J. P. Collyer, G. Whitaker, C. K. True, E. Otheman, J. C. Ingalls, J. A. Lansing,  
C. L. Eastman, W. Pentecost, W. A. Braman.

*To Receive Benevolent Moneys.*

J. P. Magee, E. Cooke, E. S. Snow, C. S. Rogers.

*Memoirs.*

D. Sherman, L. Boyden, W. D. Bridge.

*Conference Statisticians.*

S. Jackson, A. Caldwell, C. T. Johnson, F. T. George.

*Missions.*

The Presiding Elders.

*To Nominate Officers of Conference Societies.*

John H. Mansfield, J. Peterson, S. Cushing, A. F. Herrick, D. K. Merrill, W. F. Lacount  
D. Atkins, W. J. Hambleton, Jos. H. Mansfield.

*Preachers' Aid, and also Conference Stewards.*

T. J. Abbott, J. W. Merrill, D. Wait, A. Binney, W. Gordon, E. W. Virgin, G. R. Bent,  
A. D. Sargeant, J. L. Hanaford, N. J. Merrill, F. K. Stratton, J. S. Barrows, and  
the Superannuated Preachers.

*Observance of the Sabbath.*

W. Butler, J. H. Gaylord, P. Wood, T. B. Smith, W. J. Pomfret, W. Wilkie, W. P. Black-  
mer, D. Richards, J. L. Estey.

*Church Aid.*

M. M. Parkhurst, A. D. Merrill, G. W. Mansfield, R. Mitchell, F. Furber, W. W. Colburn,  
J. Cadwell, S. F. Chase, G. E. Chapman, L. R. S. Brewster, B. Otheman,  
C. L. McCurdy, W. Silverthorn, J. M. Bailey, J. F. Bassett.

*Maintenance of Public Worship.*

Wm. C. Brown, Esq., and the Lay Delegates.

*Sunday Schools.*

N. Stutson, N. F. Stevens, C. H. Vinton, E. J. Moore, J. A. M. Chapman, A. Baylies,  
Z. A. Mudge, J. O. Knowles, B. K. Peirce, L. J. Hall, C. H. Newell, S. Kelley.

*Southern Mission Work.*

A. F. Bailey, J. W. Lewis, M. E. Wright, G. Haven, E. S. Best, O. W. Adams, R. H. Howard, D. E. Chapin, J. Wagner, J. Porter, W. M. Hubbard, N. E. Cobleigh.

*Publishing Conference Minutes.*

J. P. Magee, E. A. Manning, W. D. Bridge.

*New England Conference.*

J. H. Twombly, G. Hewes, J. L. Locke, D. Dorchester, N. Bemis, G. S. Noyes, J. M. Clark,  
L. Crowell, J. C. Smith, J. Capen, W. R. Stone, H. W. Warren, I. B. Bigelow.

*Benevolent Operations.*

R. W. Allen, M. R. Barney, W. Smith, J. W. Coolidge, N. H. Martin, C. H. Sewall,  
G. Sutherland, T. C. Potter, C. Noble.

*Centenary.*

L. Crowell, J. W. Cole, L. Fish, J. W. Lee, J. Capen, J. O. Peck, H. R. Parmenter.

*Family Worship.*

A. Gould, M. Dwight, W. M. Ayers, J. A. Ames, G. F. Eaton, W. G. Leonard,  
W. O. Nottage, L. White, T. Marcy.

*Zion's Herald.*

F. H. Newhall, W. H. Hatch, B. Judd, J. W. F. Barnes, C. N. Smith, L. D. Stebbins,  
W. Rice, J. Noon, J. Scott, H. W. Warren, A. Sanderson, H. Lummis, W. McDonald,  
J. S. Day, J. W. Dadmun, I. B. Bigelow, P. M. Vinton, J. W. Mowry.

*To Nominate the Standing Committees for 1870.*

E. A. Manning, M. M. Parkhurst, G. Prentice, S. F. Upham, N. Stutson.

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**COMMITTEES OF EXAMINATION.**

*Candidates for Admission.* — P. Elder of the District and Preacher in charge,  
*Local Preachers for Deacons' Orders.* — The same; and for *Elders' Orders*, the same.  
*First Year.* — C. S. Rogers, A. Gould, T. B. Treadwell, W. Gordon.  
*Second Year.* — N. Stutson, D. Wait, N. Fellows, J. A. M. Chapman.  
*Third Year.* — J. Scott, W. J. Pomfret, A. McKeown, J. C. Smith.  
*Fourth Year.* — John H. Mansfield, H. Lummis, W. Pentecost, W. C. High.  
*To Preach Annual Missionary Sermon.* — J. O. Peck.  
*To Preach Annual Conference Sermon.* — F. H. Newhall.  
*To Preach Annual Ministerial Education Sermon.* — J. W. Lindsay.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

### EDUCATION.

That the Methodist Church has ever been interested in the subject of Education is attested by the recorded facts of its entire history. That no other denomination has done more in our own country within the last fifty years for the promotion of sound Christian learning is acknowledged by those who have no particular sympathy with us or our methods of operation. Nevertheless, while so much remains to be done, it is far wiser to forecast and provide for the future than to indulge in fruitless self-gratulation concerning the achievements of the past.

While we count ourselves among the most ardent and thorough supporters of New-England ideas, and especially of her free public schools, we have no hesitation in affirming our belief in the importance and necessity of our possessing and sustaining our own denominational institutions of learning. As a Conference, there are three of these institutions in which we are especially interested, viz., the Wesleyan Academy at Wilbraham; the Wesleyan University, at Middletown, Conn.; and the Boston Theological Seminary, at Boston.

#### THE WESLEYAN ACADEMY.

This oldest existing educational institution of our church holds a place of proud pre-eminence. The present valuation of our property at Wilbraham, including lands, buildings, educational appliances, &c., &c., is very nearly \$250,000. In this respect, there are only four academies in New England which can compare with our own: Phillips, Mount Holyoke, Williston, and Dean, with an average valuation of nearly \$200,000. The buildings at Wilbraham are all in first-rate condition, and constantly kept in good repair. The boarding-house is well furnished, and affords comfort and accommodations for students equalled by no similar institution in New England.

The Academy is also provided with a good museum; a superior chemical and philosophical apparatus; libraries containing, in the aggregate, more than 5,000 volumes; maps, globes, charts, &c.; a well arranged and commodious Studio for the fine-arts department; a good commercial department; and a musical department, abundantly supplied with all needed instruments.

The courses of study prescribed are thorough and well arranged, and well calculated to fit one to enter college or active business life.

Statistics which have been gathered by your committee prove, that, while some of our Methodist academies in New England have no more students than they had ten years since, the Wesleyan Academy has made the greatest gain of any. In 1858, there was at Wilbraham an average attendance of 198 per term; in 1868, the average attendance was 308, being a gain of 110. This is certainly encouraging, in view of the existing competition between our own academy and others, some of which have been already named. But it is believed that with the educational facilities which are offered, and the excellent accommodations already provided or easily secured, the number of students ought to be largely increased.

It is the opinion of your committee, that a normal department, for the training of teachers, should be immediately organized, and a thorough course of instruction be provided. There can be no doubt that the future of the country and the church is, to a very large extent, in the hands of the teachers of the young; and hence it is of the utmost importance that our public schools should be supplied with thoroughly evangelical teachers.

If, without delay, we could offer at Wilbraham, as we easily might, advantages equal to those enjoyed at the State Normal Schools; and if the pastors of our various churches would make earnest and persistent efforts to direct the minds of the young to the work

of teaching, — doubtless many would be induced to enter upon a course of training preparatory to this useful, responsible, and remunerative employment.

If the self-sacrificing spirit of the resident members of the church is met by corresponding liberality on the part of the friends of the Academy, the coming season will witness the dedication of a house of worship free from debt, which will be at the same time elegant, attractive, and durable, a fit companion building to those already erected.

Finally, your committee would suggest, in view of the fact that many students, and many who would be students, are poor and necessarily dependent upon their own exertions to secure an education, that it is exceedingly desirable that the expenses be reduced, if possible, below even the present comparatively low rates. When we consider that the average expense is \$185 per year, and remember the other unavoidable outlays for clothing, fare, books, &c., we see that it becomes next to impossible for a young man or woman, without assistance, to meet these expenses. And this condition of affairs is all the more to be regretted, when we consider that a large proportion of the towns of New England are destitute of schools where any thing more than a common English education can be secured. We therefore feel it to be of the utmost importance that the Wesleyan Academy should offer the best facilities of any school of its class in New England, and furnish them at less expense.

#### WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

There are many things connected with this cherished institution well calculated to excite an honest pride on the part of its friends and patrons. It occupies a superb location, in a city peculiarly suited, in view of the future, to become a central seat of learning. The highly respected and efficient president, and the present corps of professors, constitute a faculty unsurpassed in real ability by any faculty of equal number in the country. The new buildings are meeting a long-felt want. The constantly increasing endowment fund, now amounting to nearly \$320,000, contains the promise of future growth and usefulness. The telescope recently presented, and the fourth in point of power and excellence in the world, now in position and ready for use, is an addition of the greatest value.

While we rejoice in these evidences and elements of prosperity, we should not overlook other considerations which are of vital importance. There is a pressing need of more funds to carry the Memorial Chapel forward to completion. The new and truly magnificent telescope will fail of its highest usefulness until the force of the faculty can be so increased that one professor shall have time to conduct a systematic series of observations. But imperative as is the demand for the establishment of a professorship of astronomy, there is still a greater want. The claims of the department of natural science are most urgent of all. Every mind in sympathy with the progress of modern thought must be impressed with the increasing importance which public opinion assigns to that branch of learning.

Nearly all the leading colleges of the country have made liberal provisions for instruction, practical as well as theoretical, in the various departments of science. If we wish to maintain a creditable position among other institutions, we must take at once a decided step in this direction.

But it may be said that no science is so important in its relations to agriculture, mining, manufactures, and material industry in general, as chemistry. At present, chemistry is taught at Middletown only theoretically, and by lectures and recitations; while the student has no opportunity to acquire any practical knowledge of chemical processes and manipulations. To supply this need, which is absolutely imperative, a new laboratory, adapted for instruction in practical chemistry, ought to be immediately provided.

Scarcely inferior to chemistry, and far transcending that science in their influence on intellectual progress, are geology and the various departments of natural history. These



branches of study demand a much more prominent position than they have hitherto received.

The collections of natural history at Middletown are somewhat extensive, though there are great deficiencies in some of the most important departments. A new and commodious building for the scientific department is of prime necessity. It should contain extensive rooms for the preservation and display of collections now on hand, and others that may be made; and lecture-rooms in close proximity to the specimens, by which lectures should always be illustrated.

But as much as these buildings are needed, funds, the income of which should be devoted to the development of this department, are still more needed.

A vast amount of labor is involved in this progressive movement, which necessitates the appointment of an additional professor. With these facilities complete, graduates might remain, instead of going elsewhere for post-graduate courses. Then, too, inducements could be held out to those who desire a thoroughly scientific, but not classical education. Gradually, special courses of study could be arranged, and the ultimate result would be a well-founded scientific school.

These suggestions, which only partially indicate the great present wants of the Wesleyan University, derive a double significance from the fact that there were no more students in the undergraduates' course last year than there were ten years since. It cannot be said that the falling off is due to the fact that new Methodist colleges have sprung up at the West; for there are as many who come from outside of New England now as then.

We believe that the exigencies of the case demand that the friends of learning within the bounds of the patronizing Conferences should co-operate and concentrate their benefactions upon the Wesleyan University until in its endowment it shall be the peer of the oldest colleges in the land. And, if this cannot be accomplished in any other way, we would recommend the trustees to appoint an agent of acknowledged ability, whose business it shall be to make a thorough effort to secure the funds necessary to make the institution a university in fact, as well as name.

#### BOSTON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Our Theological Seminary reports progress. No year in the entire history of the institution has exhibited such gratifying tokens of prosperity. The number of students in attendance is thirty per cent greater than last year, and there is every prospect of a still larger increase the year to come. The faculty has been strengthened by the addition of the Rev. Dr. J. W. Lindsay, late President of Genesee College. The Library has been enlarged, and a library fund created. Measures have also been taken by which it is believed that hereafter all the new theological and religious issues of the American press can be added to the library at the time of their publication. A new department of instruction has been opened, by which all needed facilities for missionary study and training will hereafter be furnished to candidates for the missionary service. The first of what we hope will prove to be a long and goodly series of scholarships has been founded during the year. Larger sums in aid of sick and necessitous students have been contributed this year than ever before. The Endowment Fund has been increased by the addition of fifty thousand dollars, the gift of a well-known benefactor of the Seminary. In addition to this, thirty thousand dollars towards the new buildings have been pledged by the same bountiful giver, on condition that ninety thousand more be raised within a year.

This is a record in view of which we may well thank God, and take courage.

The Board of Instruction consists, at present, of three professors, one adjunct professor, four lecturers, and six special instructors. Among them may be found some of the most distinguished scholars of America. There are three regular courses of instruction; first, a triennial course for the graduates of our colleges; second, a quad-

rennial one for candidates who are providentially denied the advantages of a collegiate preparation; and, third, a missionary course for the benefit of such as are looking forward to a life in the missionary work. These courses embrace every branch of theological study, including some never before taught in America. Along with this instruction, the students enjoy a great variety of auxiliary facilities, which cannot be enumerated in this report. Suffice to say, that from a somewhat extended comparison of the advantages offered by the Boston Theological Seminary, with those held out by other theological institutions, we are convinced, that, whether respect be had to the variety and comprehensiveness of its curriculums, or to the number and quality of its special facilities, our Seminary surpasses all others, either in this country or in any other. The institution has, of course, its deficiencies, and to these your committee are by no means blind: still, in the points mentioned, our statement is correct to the very letter.

The question naturally suggests itself at this point, why should the church be at the expense of providing such varied and costly advantages for so small a fraction of her candidates as now enjoy the benefit? Scores are as easily instructed as tens; and New-England Methodism might reap five times the benefit from the Seminary which she now reaps, without a dollar's additional expense for teachers. Every candidate in the seven patronizing Conferences might receive a thorough course of theoretical and practical training in the institution, without perceptibly increasing its current expenses. Could it become the universal practice to provide all candidates in these seven Conferences with the means for prosecuting such a course of study in the Seminary before admission into full connection in said Conferences, how happy would be the result! How beneficial to the young men themselves! how advantageous to the Seminary and to our church!

The Resolutions addressed to this Conference by the trustees of the Seminary, touching this point, have been duly considered by your Committee. The suggestion conveyed in the paper appears to us to be one of great importance. If faithfully carried out in all the patronizing Conferences, it will most favorably affect the future character of our ministry. We heartily recommend, therefore, the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That, as a Conference, we hereby express our earnest desire that all candidates for membership in this body may enjoy, before uniting with us, the highest advantages provided them by the church for the acquisition of a thorough classical and theological education.

2. *Resolved*, That we hereby request the Quarterly Conferences not to recommend for membership in this body any candidate who has not enjoyed a theological training, unless it shall appear that he is not able to prosecute a course of study at the Seminary with such aid as the New-England Education Society can furnish.

3. *Resolved*, That the Presiding Elders are hereby respectfully requested to see this desire of the Conference effectually carried out.

Two points remain, to which your committee must briefly ask attention. The first is the provision to be made in our Seminary the coming year for *missionary instruction and training*. We believe that this provision meets a long-felt want of the church. By a happy coincidence, its inauguration signalizes the Jubilee Year of our Missionary Society. The plan of study and discipline will be found, upon examination, to be eminently scientific, and yet eminently practical. In drawing it up, the faculty have profited by the experience of the best missionary training institutions of Europe, and by the advice of some of the most experienced missionaries, and heads of missionary societies, in America. The names of Drs. Durbin, Butler, and Wentworth, all of whom are secured as instructors, furnish an ample security that the course is to be of as high and thorough a character as the best talent of the Methodist Episcopal Church can make it. After all, however, if the scheme is to be a success, students must be found to enter upon the course. A class of a dozen should be enrolled in this department the



coming year. Such a body of earnest young men, full of faith and zeal, would make themselves felt throughout the entire church. Four students called into being the largest and strongest missionary society in America, — the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions: what may not whole classes of such students do? Let us see to it that this attempt to furnish our church with a missionary training institution does not fail for lack of co-operation on the part of the pastors.

The concluding item to which your Committee desire to allude is the importance of increasing the Conference collection for the Seminary. During the past year there has been a deficiency of three thousand dollars which the Conference collections are not likely to cover. We must not suffer the endowments of the institution to be consumed by current expenses. The immediate friends and patrons of the school will have a great burden to bear the coming year in attempting to raise the hundred and twenty thousand required for the new building. The church at large should assume all other financial responsibilities, and show the Trustees how hearty is the sympathy by which they are supported in their self-sacrificing labors. We submit the following resolution for adoption:—

*Resolved*, That we will endeavor to raise the coming year the sum of four thousand dollars for the Boston Theological Seminary.

#### THE NEW-ENGLAND EDUCATION SOCIETY.

The purposes of this important society are clearly set forth in the preamble and fifth article of its constitution, which are as follows:—

“The object of this society is to aid indigent pious young men, called of God to the gospel ministry, in obtaining a suitable education.

#### ARTICLE V.

“All aid afforded by the society shall be in the form of loans; and no applicant shall receive aid unless he shall produce unequivocal testimonials of piety, promising talents, and of membership in the M. E. Church; and shall present a certificate of the Quarterly Conference of the Circuit or Station where he resides, that he is indigent in circumstances, that he possesses those gifts and graces which promise usefulness to the church, and that in their opinion he is divinely called to the ministry. Nor shall any person continue on this foundation whose instructor or instructors, (except in very special cases) shall not annually exhibit to the managers satisfactory evidence, that, in point of talents, diligence, literary and spiritual progress, he is a proper person to receive aid from the funds of this society.

“He shall also annually exhibit to the Managers a written declaration that it continues to be his serious purpose to devote his life to the gospel ministry.”

It cannot be doubted that to render pecuniary aid in securing an education is a duty the church owes to indigent young men who are called of God to the ministry. We gratefully recognize the fact that the church is more clearly than formerly accepting the obligation, and preparing to discharge it.

The society has very properly presumed this to be the case, and has multiplied the numbers of its beneficiaries until it finds itself largely in debt with pressing claims yet unanswered. The work of God demands the increase of laborers; and New-England Methodists ought to furnish a generous proportion of the supply; and this will be most rapidly and surely done by a generous increase of the funds of the New-England Educating Society.

Your Committee nominate the following visitors, viz.:—

*For the Wesleyan Academy.*—Rev. C. D. Hills, Rev. E. A. Manning, Rev. Joseph H. Mansfield, Rev. E. W. Virgin, Rev. John H. Mansfield, Rev. D. Sherman, Rev. R. H. Howard, Dr. Wm. B. Miller of Springfield, Dr. Geo. W. Sherman of Westfield.

*For the Wesleyan University.* Rev. G. Haven, Rev. B. K. Peirce, D.D., Hon. E. F. Porter of East Boston.

*For the Boston Theological Seminary.* Rev. H. Lummis, Rev. C. N. Smith.

Your Committee would also nominate for Trustees of the Boston Theological Seminary, Rev. J. H. Twombly and Rev. W. R. Clark.

## SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

DISTRICTS.	No. of Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Average Attendance.	Volumes in Library.	No. of Bible Classes.	Scholars in Infant Cl's.	Expenses of the Schools this year.	Raised for S. S. Union.	S. S. Journals taken.	S. S. Advo- cates taken.	Conversions.
Boston .....	49	177	9,447	6,027	22,832	295	1420	\$6,544 83	\$198 87	449	2,783	313
Lynn .....	45	1181	8,979	5,864	21,438	311	1391	5,705 14	138 46	564	1,821	300
Worcester .....	40	709	5,302	2,967	16,756	249	758	1,906 69	69 11	269	1,502	133
Springfield ....	49	795	4,997	3,184	1,5051	208	731	1,619 49	75 83	265	1,300	187
Totals.....	183	2862	29,325	18,042	76,077	1063	4300	\$15,776 45	\$482 27	1,547	7,406	933
Last year.....	178	3652	28,259	19,414	75,196	969	4646	16,111 97	558 95	7,523	1,050	1091
Increase.....	5	....	1,066	.....	881	94	....	.....	.....	.....	6,356	....
Decrease .....	....	790	.....	1,372	.....	....	346	335 52	76 68	5,976	.....	58

The statistical returns herewith presented afford material for profitable study. The nine hundred and thirty-three conversions, while they should inspire gratitude, present occasion for humiliation. With our rapidly extending field of labor and increased light, the conversions should be many-fold greater.

The financial exhibit shows a commendable liberality.

The seventy-six thousand and seventy-seven volumes in the libraries might, we are persuaded, be profitably reduced, if the reduction in numbers could be made proportionately to increase their solid worth.

The average attendance, 62 per cent, will be improved by an increase of moral power, and is, in fact, in some measure, a *test* of moral power. It should not fall below the average attendance of our common schools.

The contribution to the funds of the S. S. Union, (\$482.00) is so surprisingly small, that your Committee have been led to inquire for the cause, that they may be able to suggest the remedy. They think they find this cause, in part at least, in the fact that ninety-eight of our societies, or one-half of the whole, did not take the collection. That these societies were requested to give, and utterly refused, we cannot believe. That their pastors neglected to invite them to do so, is our unwilling but compelled conclusion. We call the attention of pastors and people to this fact.

The last General Conference appointed Rev. J. H. Vincent, Corresponding Secretary of the M. E. S. S. Union, and intrusted him with a specific and important portion of its interests. The results during the short period of his official service show great pains-taking and ability. His "Lesson Leaves," tracts, and S. S. Journal, are crowded with matter, both rich and varied. Their usefulness must depend vitally upon his co-laborers, the pastors and teachers.

On the much-debated subject of library books, your Committee have only a brief statement, but desire for that statement special attention. Let the purchases for the library be made *frequently*, and so in small numbers. The purchase at long intervals, and in large numbers, compels slight attention to their character. Let a standing committee (not very large) of the most intelligent and pious brethren and sisters be intrusted with their selection, and be instructed to resist all clamor for books except those known to afford solid benefit to both the head and heart of the readers. It is only by thus elevating the reading taste of our schools, that we can finally drive from them the trash with which they are now flooded.

We would reiterate the declaration, the force of which all earnest workers in the Sabbath school must feel, that more time is needed for our sessions. To secure this, our people need to be judiciously but persistently educated to a willingness to arrange the public services so as to secure this result.

The great want now is, not so much increased means, as a better use of them; not so much more knowledge, as more faith and love; not so emphatically *reapers*, as *hands* and *hearts* to put in the sickle *now*, and gather the sheaves into the Master's garner. To change the figure, and apply it to the children, they should be so far folded at once as to be formed into the preparatory religious classes provided for in the discipline. They must be seized by a strong, sanctified will and great faith, plucked from the soul-destroying power of sin, and laid at the Saviour's feet. Nor should the humblest laborer faint in this great work, and say, "Because I am neither learned nor gifted, I can do nothing." "A little child shall lead them." The Master's hand is upon them: he says, "Fear not."

#### SABBATH-SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Boston District, — C. L. Eastman, Edwin Ray.

Lynn District, — T. J. Abbott, T. P. Richardson.

Worcester District, — Wm. Pentecost, F. A. Clapp.

Springfield District, — C. D. Hills, Thomas Kneil.

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#### BIBLE CAUSE.

The miraculous gift of tongues to the early church is repeated in our day by the translation and printing of the Word of God in two hundred different languages, representing one billion of our world's inhabitants.

The American Bible Society is honored in the marvellous work of the Lord with the gift of fifty tongues, naturalizing itself with one-half of our race. Its noble purpose is to furnish the world with the Sacred Scriptures at the lowest possible cost, or by gratuitous distribution. The suppression of "notes" and "comments" in its publications forestalls bigotry, and necessitates self-reliance and thoroughness of study, thus securing an intelligent and enthusiastic interest in the inspired volume.

Other benefits of this Association are seen in its common bond of union among different religious sects, and in the unsurpassed cheapness and excellence of its issues. Contributions to this cause are converted into Bibles, and distributed, at only an average discount of seven and one-half per cent. The now needful expense of local agents could and should be diminished by the voluntary co-operation of the clergy and laity with the cause.

The Society has received, during the past year, \$723,106. Its issues of five thousand copies daily have been 1,305,347; of which 183,386 were for foreign use. This is one-third of the aggregate issues of the Bible societies of the world.

The demand for Bibles cannot be calculated as upon articles of trade; but will exist in proportion as ministers, teachers, and Christians cause the world to feel its moral and spiritual necessities. Let the people see us giving the Bibles of this Society to the needy of our Sabbath schools and communities, and let them hear us advocating its claims, and they will generously contribute to its support.

The American Bible Society, since its organization, has appropriated \$200,000 to aid the Missions of the American Board in publishing approved translations of the Bible. It has also, in all, contributed to other associations for a similar object in the sum of \$550,000, of which Methodism has had its full share. We should blush at the thought of allowing these to approximate our contributions.

We have, also, with other sects, common dangers to avoid, and common obligations to fulfil. The very commonness of the Bible endangers our reverence for it. Barbarism, having been warmed in the bosom of revealed truth into prosperous and en-



lightened civilization, now manifests the ingratitude of the re-animated serpent. Modern discoveries have brought scientific theories, venerable with age, into ridicule. Political progress has awakened contempt for loyalty founded on a people's ignorance, or a base surrender of their rights. So the antiquity of religious sentiments has come to be considered *primâ-facie* evidence of their being founded in the tradition or sleight of men.

The world now specially demands deliverance from the thralldom of superstition on the one hand, and from the equally dangerous sentiments of rationalism on the other. The Holy Bible, containing the enunciations of the eternal and infinitely perfect Mind, meets that demand, furnishing for all men, and for all ages of the world, a sufficient and authoritative rule of faith and practice.

*Resolved*, That we hereby tender our congratulations, our confidence, and our sympathy to the American Bible Society, and pledge ourselves to present its claims and call for contributions in its behalf, in all of our charges.

#### TRACT AND BOOK CAUSE.

We regret to learn, from the minutes of the last session of the New-England Conference, that collections were taken in but a fraction over one-half its charges. Eighty, in all, report no tract collections. This is a falling off of seven from the number of the collections in the preceding year, and of sixteen from the number of collections in the year preceding that; though there has been a slight advance in the aggregate amount of the collections.

As all societies taking collections are allowed to draw back tracts to the full amount of the collections, it is to be presumed that no tracts have been circulated the last year in the eighty charges which report no collection. Such facts are not in keeping with what we are pleased to note as the progressive spirit of the Tract Society. We are gratified to find that the increase of the receipts of the Society for the last five years have been \$35,306, and of its disbursements \$33,266, over the receipts and disbursements of the preceding five years. 62,450 copies of "The Good News," and 32,081,518 pages of tracts, were circulated last year by means of tract committees, appointed by the Quarterly Conferences. In this work about thirteen hundred churches co-operated.

Forty-four new tracts have been edited the past year, and are in course of publication. Our tract list has been re-arranged and newly classified.

A plan for colportage has been adopted by the society, and will be made operative as soon as practicable; and nothing seems wanting but the hearty co-operation of all the pastors to enable the society to distribute a hundred million pages of tracts and one hundred thousand copies of "The Good News" every year.

The society is becoming a strong auxiliary to the foreign missionary work. It appropriates for the present fiscal year, to Germany \$1,000, to Sweden \$280 in gold, to India \$750 in gold; in all \$4,500 in currency. It will need for the foreign and home work this year, \$30,000.

We congratulate the Methodist Episcopal Church on the vigor and enterprise of its Book Concerns in New York and Cincinnati, as evinced in the recent purchase of ground and buildings in both these cities, which will afford all facilities required for their efficient working, and place them in more immediate contact with the business community.

From the annual exhibit presented to this Conference, it appears that the net capital stock of both Concerns is \$1,165,624; net profits, after deducting salaries and other bills paid by order of the General Conference, \$114,678.38.

We are pleased to note a marked improvement in the style and finish of their books; and we believe them to be fully equal, in this regard, to those of any other pub-

lishing house in the land, and that they are offered at as low rates as are to be found in any other market.

We regret to say that our Book Room publications have not been placed as prominently before the public by the Methodist press as their merits and mission demand; and we hereby call the attention of our editors to this delinquency, and urge them to give more extended notices of our books, as a duty which they owe to our writers, our church, and country.

We here take occasion to suggest that a manual on the subject of baptism, giving a clear and condensed scriptural view of the mode and subjects of baptism, suitable to be placed in the hands of probationers in our church, and other young members, is a *desideratum* in our denominational literature; and we hereby recommend that a suitable person be appointed by this Conference to prepare for publication such a manual.

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### LAY DELEGATION.

The object of the paper referred to the Committee is to call attention to the action of the General Conference relative to Lay Delegation and the obligations therein imposed. The subject has been presented to the Quarterly Conferences, and the required committees have been appointed.

Under present circumstances the Committee deem no further action necessary on the part of the Conference, than to recommend that the members of the Conference, so far as it rests with them, shall complete the action contemplated by the General Conference, make the needful arrangements, and use their influence to secure a full and fair expression of the opinion of the church on this important subject.

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### OBSERVANCE OF THE SABBATH.

The Sabbath of our God has ever been honored by the place which it occupies in the Decalogue and in the divine teachings generally, and also by the special grace which God has granted to the day and its services ever since he gave it in mercy to mankind. During its holy hours, more light and salvation have been sent down from heaven to earth probably than during all the six days of secular toil.

The best of men have recognized its obligations to be honored, and its influence when observed.

We who know its highest uses and capabilities are especially bound to honor and defend it; and all the more in the days when Infidelity and Romanism are threatening its very form amongst us, and are openly demanding legislative enactments for the further violation of the divine law of the Christian Sabbath.

There is already far too much desecration of the sacred day among us. The railway-whistle and the roll of the trains now painfully disturb the religious sensibilities, the family worship, and public services in some of our cities.

How Christian men who own stock, and have a voice in the management of the lines which thus dare violate one of the clearest commands of Almighty God,—how they can reconcile it to their consciences to allow this great wickedness to continue, is more than we can understand!

Let us as ministers and Christians who “tremble at the word of the Lord,” and in remembrance of our final judgment by that word, do all that we can to defend and restore the sacredness of God’s holy day. Let us kindly but firmly expostulate with those who are thus responsible for its deliberate and systematic violation, till they see the wrong and “cease to do evil.” Let us also, as electors, be faithful to the Lord of the Sabbath by refusing to cast our vote for any man, no matter what his claims are otherwise, who would dare thus to legislate away the holy character of the Lord’s day,

and deprive any number of our fellow-citizens of their opportunity to enjoy their Christian Sabbath.

Let us also urge upon our people a more sacred use of these consecrated hours and its precious privileges, as will render it, with increasing honor and delight to them, one of the days of heaven upon earth, and the leading element of their training and preparation for the higher felicities of that eternal Sabbath which awaits them in "the rest that remaineth for the people of God."

### CHURCH AID.

The following churches have received aid, the pastors acting as Agents: Rockport, \$892.15; Wakefield, \$297.93; Beverly, \$974.27; Millbury, \$814.58. Total \$2,978.93. Applied for aid in 1869, Beverly, Jamaica Plain, Main St. Worcester, Stoneham, and Holyoke.

We are fully satisfied that this Society originated, and is working in harmony, with Divine Providence, and that its continued existence as a conference society is demanded by the necessities of our work. As it has been, so it is, and *will be*, the only successful agency in establishing *strong, permanent, and much-needed* churches in long-neglected fields.

We urge our brethren of the churches to *aid* in this great work, to *receive* its agents not as strangers or beggars, but as copartners, whose self-sacrifice merits *kindness and sympathy* while building up our common Methodism; and especially should the members of this Conference notice this advice.

To secure still greater efficiency we recommend —

1st, That one agent *only* be assigned to the same field, as repeated applications cause prejudice, and conflict of interests.

2d, That we adopt the principle of loaning without interest, in the place of *gifts*, to feeble churches.

3d, That ministers be stationed over such churches as expect aid who are personally acquainted with the leading churches and laymen from whence most of our funds are secured. There are members of this Conference who can secure more aid in a single church than is now collected in a whole district; while their visits to our churches would be considered a favor instead of an affliction.

4th, That we take measures to secure every member of the Methodist Episcopal Church within the bounds of our Conference as a member of this Society, by the payment of one dollar annually.

The fund thus raised, say twenty-five thousand dollars, in the hands of a judicious board of managers, would be a mighty power to build up the kingdom of Christ.

Your Committee nominate the following as Board of Managers and Corresponding Members for the ensuing year:—

BOARD OF MANAGERS. — *Ministers.* Gilbert Haven; J. M. Bailey; C. N. Smith; L. R. S. Brewster; Edward Otheman; David Sherman; E. A. Manning; R. W. Allen; C. L. McCurdy.

*Laymen.* Jacob Sleeper; E. F. Porter; J. P. Magee; Pliny Nickerson; M. S. Rice; Liverus Hull; W. C. Brown; E. H. Dunn; T. P. Richardson; O. T. Taylor; Wm. Noble; D. S. Simpson.

*Corresponding Members.* The Presiding Elders, with two laymen from each district; L. H. Taylor, of Springfield; H. D. Bush, of Westfield; F. A. Clapp, of Worcester; L. M. Gilbert, of Warren; Wm. C. Child, of Medford; Harrison Newhall, of Lynn; I. Mills, of Boston; James Woolson, of Cambridgeport.



## SOUTHERN MISSION WORK.

With the triumphant issue of the great struggle to preserve our national life arose one of the profoundest moral and economic problems of all the centuries. That conflict, unmatched in history, if either its magnitude or its mighty results be considered, laid upon the Christian conscience of the American people a responsibility of the gravest and grandest moment. In the exultant hour, and amid the songs and shouts of victory, there stood up four millions, hitherto unrecognized, yet crowned with the glory of the Maker's image, and breathing, with all the ecstasy of new-born rapture, their first conscious breath of liberty. Faithful among the faithless; loyal in the midst of treason; quietly serving and blessing, until deliverance came, the soulless vampires who had sucked away their life-blood; forbearing and patient to a miracle in the voiceless agony of their age-long martyrdom, — the time of their redemption was fully come. Their chains were broken; and, like a vast cloud, they lined the borders of the long-sought Canaan, only waiting for the summons to enter and possess their well-earned heritage. What shall be done? echoed the anxious query everywhere; what shall be done for these children of oppression and sorrow? What agency shall best fit them to enter upon their new felicity? Untaught in even the meagre alphabet of plantation culture, unskilled in the simplest arts of free communities, unused to any responsible or self-reliant labor, weakened with the exhausting enervation of bondage, they were like infants, entering their royal estate of freedom. Even the gospel of the kingdom was virtually hid from their eyes. With its holy pledges and proffers; with its marvels of mercy; with its infinite riches of grace; with its burning denunciations of wrong; with its terrors guarding the head of innocence, yet alarming the evil-doer, — it had changed its voice and its countenance in the land of oppression. Its pure streams had been filtered through a corrupted public sentiment. Were salvation itself possible under circumstances like these, and with such a dispensation of the word, verily it must be "so as by fire"!

The foregoing facts apply with equal pertinency to other millions, principally differing from the former in the hue of their skins. Equally degraded and ignorant in the main; more unskilled in the useful arts; indolent, vicious and unreliable, — the poor whites of the South claim an equal share of the sympathy which ever seeks to relieve and to redeem. The high philanthropy which would penetrate and cheer that land of darkness with the light of Christian civilization must know no difference. It must give one perfect and equal recognition to all, unwarped by any spirit of *caste*, and unvexed by any form of social or political prejudice.

To answer this great question of the hour, three conditions are imperative. The first is to supply the immediate pressing wants of the people in question. They must have food and raiment, "to keep soul and body together," and to turn away the wolves from their doors, until the proper fields of industry shall open under the new order of things. The impoverished and bleeding South, were she ever so willing, is hopelessly unable to do this, or even to take any sufficient care for herself. The second requirement is to rescue these unfortunates from their sad estate of ignorance; to teach them the simpler forms of knowledge, in immediate preparation for more high and varied forms of industry. The third is to substitute a living gospel of power and fire and salvation, for the cold mockery of a slaveholding religion; to give them "beauty for ashes," and bread instead of stones.

The first of these requisites was promptly supplied by the General Government. Through the benign agency of the Freedmen's Bureau, supplemented by the liberal offerings of private beneficence, the most urgent wants have been supplied, and great progress already effected in the adjustment of social relations. With the like protection adequately extended, under the wise and humane administration now, by the grace of God, just inaugurated, the need of either public or private charity in this direction will soon be obviated. The second want has been partially, and thus far

satisfactorily, met in the numerous schools which are rapidly dotting and brightening like stars the late land of rebellion. For all practical purposes, the question of secular and elementary education may be safely left in the hands that now control it,—the Freedmen's Aid Societies, and other agencies protected and fostered by the strong hand of the Government. But how shall the third and greatest question of all be answered? How shall the higher moral and spiritual wants of these poor be met, whom God hath unfettered and redeemed? Surely not by their old masters and pretended teachers, were these ever so willing and able. The Southern pulpit remains essentially unchanged. It reeks with the old leaven of disloyalty and oppression, which instigated and fought out the great rebellion. The liberated slaves turn away, with instinctive loathing, and shut their ears in disgust to its utterances. These poor brethren have no gospel: they can have none, except the free, God-fearing Christian Church of the Northern States shall fly to the rescue and provide it.

Now, leaving all other denominations to answer and to act for themselves, we solemnly affirm that the chief responsibility in this matter devolves upon the Methodist Episcopal Church. Hers is the sublime duty; to her belongs the peerless honor, if she has the mind to deserve it, of building up the "old waste places." To erect churches, to establish normal schools, to endow colleges and universities, to found biblical institutes, all and forever to be consecrated to the highest culture and equality of mankind, let a share of her ample resources and influence be devoted. The reasons are self-evident.

*First*, Her wealth and numerical strength entitle her to this pre-eminence. She is able to carry her proportionate share of this load; she is therefore logically bound to carry it, and she can never evade this responsibility.

*Second*, Her men, her money, her prayers, her fervid and unshrinking loyalty, contributed more than any other agency to crush the rebellion, and to bring these liberated millions within the reach of her fostering arms. Shall she now refuse to nurture and to bless the child that she hath asked and "gotten from the Lord"?

*Third*, Her doctrines are to that rescued people "as cold waters to a thirsty soul." They thrive within her sweet communion, amid her feasts of love, and in the light of her genial polity, as flowers thrive in the sunshine, or as water-birds beside their native rills and lakelets.

*Fourth*, Hundreds and thousands, now by virtual necessity compelled to prefer the Southern church or none, will gladly drift away when permitted, and seek ultimate refuge in a more congenial haven.

*Fifth*, To possess and to cultivate these wasted fields is simply to regain a lost position. The highest honor of the Methodist Episcopal Church demands this at her hands. Her ancient prestige will be restored, and her glory unecipsed, only when every State and city and parish and plantation shall again resound to the tread of her victorious itinerant host.

We submit the following Preamble and Resolutions:—

Whereas, we understand that a property has been secured at Camden, S.C., consisting of valuable buildings and twenty-seven acres of land; and that said property, which is estimated at \$5,000, can be had for \$2,500; and whereas, there is great need of a training-school in this section of our work in the South; therefore,

*Resolved*, That if its purchase shall be approved by the preachers of our church in Charleston, S.C., by the presiding elder of that district, by Hon. B. F. Whittemore, member of Congress from that State, and by the Corresponding Secretary of the Freedmen's Aid Society, we hereby pledge ourselves to raise the amount aforesaid for this object, on the following conditions:—

*First*, That one half of our contributions to the Freedmen's Aid Society be appropriated annually to this object until the amount be raised.

*Second*, That, in view of the early and continual liberality of Hon. Lee Claflin to the

educational and publishing work of the church, within that State, the name of this institution shall be called the "Clafin University."

*Resolved*, That we rejoice in the success of the Freedmen's Aid Society of the M. E. Church; that we will present its claims to our people, and take collections, designating the month of May for the latter purpose.

*Resolved*, That we heartily indorse the mission and labors of brother Gee, the agent of the Freedmen's Aid Society; that we will welcome him to our pulpits, and commend him to the liberality of the people.

## THE NEW-ENGLAND CONFERENCE.

In view of the numerous facts which have come to the knowledge of your Committee, they feel assured, that, in all its great interests, the Conference is highly prosperous. In no particular do they find evidence of waning; while on every side there are indications of healthful progress. Consequently, the suggestions which they offer must not be regarded as complaints, or as emanating from a complaining spirit, but as means of achieving that brighter success which we all desire.

### THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF OUR CHURCHES AND CONGREGATIONS.

While good men, in all parts of the nation, have zealously labored for the safety of childhood, quite too little attention has been given to the wants and perils of advanced youth and early maturity.

The critical period of life is between twelve and twenty-five. During this period the demand for social life becomes imperative; and, unless the church provides it, panders to the lower instincts of humanity will. A close inspection of statistics would show that a very large proportion of the boys and girls trained in our Sabbath schools escape from the influence of Christian culture before they reach their twentieth year; that many sons and daughters of pious parents are neglecters of the sanctuary; and that, in the majority of churches, very little effort has been made to exert a controlling influence over the young people. At a time like the present, when the means of indulgence and the attractions of vice are multiplying, the importance of furnishing proper social life and culture for youth, and of employing vigorous measures to attach them strongly to the institutions of religion, needs only to be named to command the assent of intelligent Christians.

The church has a vital interest in the matter; for, without young people, it can scarcely exist. Should it make accessions only from those who are converted under fifteen, or over thirty years of age, it would soon decay. The young people have an infinity of interest at stake; for, if after having received religious training in childhood, they pass their youth in amusements, selfish pursuits, and irreligion, their ultimate salvation becomes painfully problematical. The magnitude of the interests involved, and the persistent activity of the dangerous forces in society, call for early and vigorous action.

As means of promoting the object under consideration, we offer the following recommendations:—

*First.* That the social, intellectual, moral, and religious interests of youth be made much more prominent in the instructions of the pulpit than they have been heretofore. The manifestation of a deep and felt regard for their minor interests will hasten their conversion.

*Second.* The delivery of sermons, or lectures, to young people by special appointment. This might be done wholly by the pastors, or in part by others. In every case, a well-directed effort of this kind would strengthen the attachment of youth to the church, and exert a salutary influence on community.

*Third.* The organization in every society, whenever it is practicable, of the young



people for mutual improvement in knowledge and piety. Local circumstances would naturally suggest the kind of organization and the exercises most desirable. The main object of every such association should be to secure for them a higher intellectual and moral culture: the incidental means employed are of minor consideration.

To form and sustain an organization of this character would usually require the presence and personal watch-care of the pastor; and, to secure its entire success, the members of the church should give it their warmest sympathies, their prayers, and, whenever necessary, their presence.

The fear that the young people will become too influential should not be cherished for a moment by an honest Christian. They must be recognized as having rights and privileges; and the sooner they are made to feel that they have a high mission to accomplish for themselves and the world, the better. Societies of young people already exist in some of our churches, and in many instances have proved to be of great utility.

Should they increase in number and influence, as their importance leads us to hope they will, the time may not be far distant when we shall see a national convention of Methodist young men coming together in some central city from these local organizations. Such a convention, properly conducted, would exert a wide-spread and salutary influence.

Other means of a more *strictly social* nature should be employed. What these shall be must depend largely upon the condition of each society; but the idea to be realized in every place is, that the church should furnish social life for its youth. In doing this, the utmost care should be taken to avoid all phases of gambling and social dissipation. We can no more *Christianize* gambling, than we can tipping or thieving.

#### THE CHURCH AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

While the spread of Christianity promotes popular education, the correct education of the masses favors the success of Christianity. Let the training of the generations to come be dis severed from religious influence, and the progress of the gospel will be essentially retarded. In a word, the moulding influence of the schools has much to do with the direction of industry, the progress of invention, the prosperity of letters, the character of public morals, the perpetuity of civil government, and the triumphs of Christian faith. Hence, the proper guardianship of public education becomes a Christian duty. No church, no individual, can turn indifferently away from the schools of our country without violating a high and sacred responsibility.

In the selection of school committees, every father, in fact every citizen, has a deep interest. The oversight of the schools of a city or town should not be given to persons of doubtful morals, or of infidel sentiments. Virtuous men, men of real integrity, should be called to exercise that sacred function. In this matter, we think, our people have failed to do their whole duty to themselves and to the public. The time has come for greater vigilance and activity on this subject.

#### ANOTHER IMPORTANT DUTY IS THE PROPER EDUCATION OF TEACHERS.

This is a matter in which every one has a personal interest; for, in a high degree, the teacher makes the school. This is particularly true in respect to moral culture. His oral instructions, his morals, and more perhaps than either of these, his silent, unconscious influence, growing out of what he really is, moulds every pupil. And is there a man who has no concern about the impress that is stamped upon his child, or the spirit that is infused into its young heart? The question needs no reply.

Virtuous and pious youth should be educated for *teaching* as for any other honorable profession. Has this work received from us its proper attention? Have our people fully performed their duties in respect to it? We dare not answer these questions in the affirmative. The rule of discipline requiring pastors to preach on the subject of education is rarely complied with; and consequently the minds of parents and

children are not directed to the subject of education as they should be. As a denomination we have failed to educate our full quota of instructors for the public schools, and have left much of our work, in this respect, to be performed by others.

Our academies and colleges should be crowded to overflowing with earnest young men and women, preparing themselves for the higher activities of life, among which is teaching. To ensure success in the preparation of teachers, there is need of a modification of our seminaries. There should be in every one of them a normal or training department, to give suitable discipline and instruction for this noble work. Such a department could be established at trifling expense, and to the advantage of each institution.

There are in our country about forty normal schools, most of which have been established since 1850. The four in this State, which are the most prosperous in the country, annually send forth about one hundred and fifty graduates. This supply is totally inadequate to meet the wants of the public schools; and a movement which should result in introducing normal instruction into well-conducted academies would be a public benefaction. We commend this subject especially to the consideration of the principal and trustees of the Wesleyan Academy; and we hope the suggestion may be adopted by other schools, until each of our eighty-five seminaries and academies, scattered from the Atlantic to the Pacific, may have its normal department, and do its whole duty towards educating the youth of the country.

#### CHANGING THE NAME OF THE CONFERENCE.

The propriety of changing the name of this Conference from *New England to Boston*, or *Massachusetts*, has been urged upon the attention of the Committee. Our prejudices are all, doubtless, opposed to the change; but there are strong reasons in its favor. Among which are these:—

The present name does not indicate its true field of labor; it seems to throw the other New-England conferences into a secondary position; and it gives to the public a wrong impression in respect to our denominational statistics.

This subject is presented, and commended to the Conference for its future action.

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#### CHURCH EXTENSION.

The Church Extension Society, organized by authority of the General Conference, meets a most urgent demand of the church. Before this society was organized, the work of aiding the new and feebler parts of the country was very large. As each church, through its pastor, then sought relief for itself, it is impossible to estimate the aggregate amount thus expended; but it was unquestionably very much greater than at present.

But the method, or rather want of method, by which the work was done, necessarily involved the loss of the proper service of the men thus engaged, great and continual annoyance of those to whom they applied, and the worst possible economy of time and means.

A better method of meeting the wants of the work was imperatively demanded; and to meet this necessity the Church Extension Society was organized.

But subsequently the field has been greatly extended, and the work enlarged on our Western frontier and in the South. Settlements are springing up as by magic along the new lines of railroads which are opening up the Western wilderness to a teeming population. Comparatively small amounts invested by the wise methods of this society will place Methodism in the van of this advancing population.

In the South, four millions of freedmen, who have hitherto owned nothing, — not even themselves, — are struggling upward into freedom, intelligence, and Christian civilization. For this we had long prayed; and lo! the answer to our prayers, — the birth of a nation in a day.

But can we be so lost to honor as to forget that the first act of this noble people after their fetters were knocked off, was to seize the knapsack and musket, and dare, and do, and die, for the integrity of the government under which they writhed in bondage? Shall it be said we cannot go out of New England to help build churches for a people whose patient and unrequited toil for generations augmented the wealth of this country, and who, in the hour of its peril, came to its rescue like Blucher on the plains of Waterloo, turned back the tide of battle, and bade our Stars and Stripes wave unchallenged over every rood of American soil? If so, what becomes of our patriotism, our philanthropy, our religion, our manhood?

In more than half of our national domain, society is in its formative state. All the agencies of evil are intensely active: those of the church must be equally so, or the results will be disastrous. Now a comparative little will accomplish more than millions when society shall have crystallized into permanent forms.

We are deeply convinced that there never has been a time or a field in which liberal sowing would yield so rich a harvest; and there is no agency through which <sup>(1)</sup> church can accomplish greater and more permanent good than it can through the Church Extension Society; therefore

*Resolved*, That the Church Extension Society is entitled to, and shall receive, our most cordial and earnest co-operation.

*Resolved*, That the sum of four thousand dollars (\$4,000) be apportioned to the several districts and pastoral charges of this Conference for collection.

*Resolved*, That the Society's plan of a Loan Fund meets our most hearty concurrence.

*Resolved*, That the following persons be appointed to constitute a Board of Church Extension for this Conference. [See officers of the Conference, page 5.]

#### TEMPERANCE.

The powers of hell have triumphed for a season, and succeeded in flooding our highly-honored State with the crimes and miseries of intemperance, by throwing open from six to ten thousand licensed and unlicensed bar-rooms. And as Satan has always employed those who make strong professions of piety as his active agents in sin, — not that they always recognize the fact, — so in this case he has made use of Christian ministers, and those who have been ministers, as coal-heavers to stir this fire of perdition, doing the work which the rum-venders well knew they in their known character could not do; and thus we are called to the double mourning, first over the fallen agents, and then over the ruin thus produced.

But this is no time for us to stack our arms or strike our colors. It is the time for action. We are prompted to action by the impelling love we entertain for God, his cause, and his creatures; for we know of no vice more offensive to God, more injurious to his cause, and destructive to poor humanity, than intemperance.

When an evil systematizes itself into all our social and civil relations, and governs the legislation of our country, the danger is appalling and our duty imperative. The organized whiskey-ring — gambling, swindling, and robbing — is treated as if it belonged to a respectable business class; while its wholesale plunderings of the Government, and of all parties with whom it may deal, stamps it as the offspring of hell and the scourge of mankind. This lucrative business will not be surrendered without a struggle. No milk-and-water policy, or formal protestations, will answer now: the core of this ulcerating abscess cannot be reached by feeble and faltering efforts. There must be action, — moral, religious, and judicial action. We are in the hottest of this war; and our enemy is endeavoring to break our ranks by inducing some of the friends of the cause to compromise, by allowing the sale of the lighter drinks, viz., beers, cider, and wines. Politicians are to a large extent in the market, and will be found on the side of the highest bidder. Friends make mistakes, and foes combine. Hence, we find this to be a stern political and moral question such as we have seldom had to grapple with;



and therefore we must appeal to Heaven for aid, and take positions like Milton's warriors, entertaining

" No thought of flight,  
None of retreat, no unbecoming deed  
That argued fear : each on himself relied,  
As only in his arm the moment lay  
Of victory."

The lamentable condition of our community produced by free rum may be shown by a few facts taken from the reports of the Boston Chief of Police. He reports for the year 1868, — arrests, 19,975 persons; committed, 14,122; lodgers in stations, 30,560. He reports two thousand and fifty-two liquor establishments; and there are many probably not known to him. If any persons assert this has always been the picture of rum and crime in Boston, for their especial benefit we will present the chief's own statement of things at corresponding periods of 1867, when the prohibitory law was enforced, and 1868, when the license law was in full blast.

For the quarter ending Dec. 31, 1867,	
The number of arrests was .....	1530
" " " lodgers " .....	2617
Total .....	4147
For the quarter ending Dec. 31, 1868,	
The number of arrests was .....	5596
" " " lodgers in stations .....	7617
Total of lodgers and arrests for last quarter.....	13,213

Deducting the number of arrests and lodgers in Roxbury, of 617 persons, which was annexed to Boston on the last year, and we have a net increase, for a single quarter of 1868 over 1867, of 8,449 persons.

Figures of equally fearful import can be drawn from the State Constable's report; but we forbear. The evils of intemperance are too numerous to be even named in a report for this occasion. They enter every dwelling; they blister every heart, and wither every soul; rob the paradise of God, and fill the regions of the lost. The poor are robbed of their bread; the community of its business resources, and the nation of its wealth. The money paid for rum in this nation would more than pay the national debt in two years.

The amount paid for this slow but sure poison annually is equal to forty-three dollars for every man, woman, and child in the nation.

As expressive of our sentiments and position on this subject, we present the following resolutions: —

1. *Resolved*, That no period in the temperance history has demanded greater apostolic fidelity in the Christian ministry than the present; and that it is the imperative duty of every pastor to preach on the subject, and deal with it as the terrible sin of the age.

Whereas the authorities of Boston practically refused to enforce the prohibitory law when it was the law of our Commonwealth, and whereas, since the license law has been upon the statute-books of the State, the Commissioners elected by the city have given license without restraint or limit, and the mayor and city government have uniformly sustained and encouraged this crime against its fellow-citizens by failing to close up unlicensed places kept for drinking purposes, and by refusing, when applied to by the State Constable for the names of licensed parties, that he might punish offenders against the law, to give him that information; and whereas, by this course of proceeding, they have evinced a desire for free rum, and the death that follows, therefore

2. *Resolved*, That the authorities of Boston have proved themselves recreant to the high moral trust committed to them.

3. *Resolved*, That it is highly expedient that the State should give to its police supreme police authority over all our cities and towns.

4. *Resolved*, That the time has fully come when members of the rum fraternity should be excluded from our courts and juries, except when they are to be indicted as criminals.

5. *Resolved*, That, as temperance men, we deprecate and protest against the exemption

of the sale of cider as a beverage from the prohibitory law, not only as disastrous in its effects on the habits of the people, especially of the young, but also as ultimately subversive of the principle and power of the prohibitory law itself.

Your Committee would recommend the National Temperance Society and Publishing House to the confidence and support of our churches.

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in General Court assembled, the undersigned, two hundred citizens of Massachusetts, members of the New-England Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, now in session in the city of Lowell, hereby petition your Honorable Body to repeal the license-law now in operation, and to re-enact the prohibitory law as it was previous to its late repeal; and we also hereby respectfully protest against the exclusion of the sale of cider as a beverage from the operation of the prohibitory law.

Signed in behalf and by order of the Conference.

E. THOMSON, *President*.

E. A. MANNING, *Secretary*.

LOWELL, March 29, 1869.

### BENEVOLENT OPERATIONS.

The benevolent operations of the church are of great importance; showing as they do the spirit and genuineness of its Christianity, and in furnishing the means for its aggressive movements in subjugating the world to Christ.

Systematic benevolence is the order and requirement of the Bible; and such should be the benevolence practised by the churches.

Included in the benevolent operations of the churches represented by this Conference are contributions for the Missionary Society, Church-Extension Society, Tract Society, Sunday-school Union, and Freedman's Aid Society of the M. E. Church; Preacher's Aid Society, and Church Aid Society of the New-England Conference; New-England Education Society, Boston Theological Seminary, and the American Bible Society, — making ten in all.

Each preacher in charge is requested to see that a collection is made for each of these objects during the coming year.

### MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC WORSHIP.

We find there is more attention given to the subject of late than formerly; owing, doubtless, to the reports which have been made upon the matter since 1860, at which time a general plan for raising money was recommended, differing from any in general use, and which has been adopted in many places to the satisfaction of all concerned.

We are unanimous in re-affirming the sentiments and features which have been set forth in the reports of 1860-'68, and especially urge their adoption in all churches where no other plan has been successful. We are confident, if this plan is adopted and adhered to, it will accomplish the much-desired object of supporting the minister, and defraying the incidental expenses of the church, without the delay and anxiety which frequently occurs.

For the information and benefit of all who have not seen, or have not acted upon, the plan referred to, we append the report of 1868, and also a specimen "circular," which may be modified to adapt it to any peculiarities which may exist in certain churches: —

#### FINANCIAL PLAN.

1. As early in the Conference year as is practicable, let the stewards ascertain the probable amount of the current expenses for the year, and also what part of this sum must be raised by voluntary contributions.

2. This sum (increased by an amount sufficient, in their judgment, to meet all *losses* arising from *death*, *removals*, non-payments, and other causes) shall be apportioned by a committee, appointed at a meeting of all the male members of the church and con-

gregation, duly notified for that purpose, on the members of the church, and on such of the congregation as may assent, according to their several ability.

3. This committee shall consist of the stewards, leaders, and three or four persons selected from each class by the class of which they are members; or it may embrace a large proportion of the male members of the church and congregation, always being careful to put on the committee all persons who have been delinquent in contributing, or deficient in the amount contributed.

4. The preliminary arrangements having reference to the appointment of this committee, and its first meeting in each year, shall be made by the board of stewards and leaders.

5. The committee, having been assembled and organized, may appoint a sub-committee to make the apportionment; but the action of this sub-committee shall be reported at a regular meeting of the regular committee, and be subject to their revision.

6. Due notice shall be given to all persons apportioned of the amount apportioned to them, by means of letters prepared for that purpose, enclosing small envelopes for their payments; and they shall be requested to make quarterly or monthly payments in advance.

7. A quarterly collection shall be made on the second sabbath in each quarter, notice having been given the previous sabbath; and all persons making payments shall place the sum by them paid (enclosed in an envelope on which their names shall be written) in the baskets or boxes, as they are passed through the church.

8. The treasurer of the stewards shall credit the sums thus paid to the persons making payment, in a book properly prepared for that purpose.

9. The treasurer may be allowed ten per cent for collecting all sums not paid to him without solicitation; and shall use his best efforts to collect all sums due at the commencement of each quarter before its close. He shall be at liberty to employ suitable persons to assist him, but shall make no charge for their services beyond the amount above named.

10. At the last general class-meeting in the financial year, or at a special meeting of the church, the treasurer shall report the amount received, and also the various expenses incurred during the year.

11. During the first week of each quarter, the treasurer shall ascertain from the pastor all changes which may have occurred during the preceding quarter in the list of members, and make the corresponding corrections on his books. At the next board-meeting he shall report the names of all who have during that period become connected with the church, that an apportionment of expenses may be made to them; and shall notify them of the amount thus apportioned to them.

#### SPECIMEN CIRCULAR.

The Stewards and Finance Committee of the M. E. Church respectfully call your attention to the subject of raising money for the Current Expenses for the ensuing year. These expenses are as follows: Preacher's salary, \$ . Sexton's salary, \$ . Music, \$ . Presiding Elder's salary, \$ . Fuel, Lights, &c., \$ . Total, \$ . This sum is raised by apportionment; and you are requested to aid in this matter by paying monthly, on the sabbath of EACH month the sum of \$ (that sum having been agreed upon by the Finance Committee), by enclosing the amount in an envelope, and writing your name, together with the amount enclosed and the month for which payment is made, upon the outside, and putting them in the boxes as they pass.

Your whole apportionment for the year is \$ . Monthly amount, \$ . P.S.—In order to meet the above amount promptly, it is very necessary that you should do all you can, and do it at the time named. It will be much easier for you to pay in small sums monthly than to defer the payment for months, or to the end of the year; which delay causes much embarrassment and anxiety, and sometimes the necessity of making extra calls on those who have already done their full share.

However small or large the sum you give, it is doubly valuable when given at the right time,—either *monthly* or *quarterly*, in advance.

If any are aggrieved by this apportionment, they will please communicate at once with some member of the Committee.

It may be necessary to state, that nothing is derived from rent of pews for the above expenses.

By order of the Finance Committee,

*Treasurer.*



## PREACHERS' AID SOCIETY.

We would most reverently and gratefully acknowledge the goodness of God towards the beneficiaries of the Preachers' Aid Society during the past Conference year. Though some have been deeply afflicted, they have proved the grace of God to be all-sufficient, and aid from the church a divine blessing, — a source of great comfort. The first fruits of this society, reported to the Conference in 1833, consisted of one hundred and thirty dollars. The last report, after a space of thirty-five years, amounts to over four thousand dollars. Upwards of sixty-six thousand dollars have been raised and distributed with a careful hand since Rev. E. Ireson and Wm. C. Brown, Esq., asked "What can be done for our aged, worn-out preachers and their families." They said the strong must help the weak; and we say the laborer is worthy of his hire, though it be not received till after many days. This is the basis of this organization; and as such it is one of the first to receive our heartfelt attention, and our most liberal contribution. The ready and hearty response given by the church indicates her just feelings for these veterans of the cross. The contributions for this object have increased from a little less than two cents from each member of the church in 1840, to a little less than twenty cents per member in 1868.

It ought to be remembered, however, that twenty cents in 1868 is not ten times the value of two cents in 1840.

During the past year, seventeen ministers at an average of less than two hundred dollars each, and nineteen widows at an average of less than ninety dollars each, have been assisted by this enterprise, besides carrying joy and gladness to many a child.

Your committee are fully agreed that there is no object for which a more earnest and just plea can be made: and the *honor* of the Methodist Episcopal Church requires that the just claims of those for whom this society was established should be fully met; and we rejoice that this is being understood. We would not have the beneficiaries feel that they are beggars, but that the sum received is so much paid them for services rendered in former years. The church is greatly indebted to the fathers for her present position and future prospects; and the small pittance that we now give them is not more than the interest of their due.

Nearly all the churches responded to our call for aid during the year 1868; only fourteen out of one hundred and fifty-eight appointments who received a Conference preacher, and who took a collection for other benevolent objects, failed to remember the wants of our aged brethren; and we cannot help feeling, so strong is our faith in the church, that all these would have done something had the pastors done their duty. We have no apology to offer for those preachers who neglect to take a collection for this object. We commend to their serious attention again the third resolution passed by this Conference last year; which is, "That every pastor be requested to preach on this subject during the year, and, without fail, solicit contributions to its funds; but should he fail to seek such contributions, he shall be regarded derelict in duty, unkind to our sick, aged, widows, and orphans, and unjust to himself and his family;" which sentiment we most heartily indorse.

We recommend the following resolutions: —

1. That we render praise to God for the increasing usefulness of the Preachers' Aid Society, and the interest our people take in this object.

2. That we have an increasing confidence in the management of this society, and that the committee and managers are entitled to much credit.

3. That each effective preacher shall pay at least one dollar annually at each session of the Conference, provided he has not already contributed the same in the collection reported from his charge, and the sum that he pays shall be credited to him in a book provided for that purpose by the secretary of the committee in Boston and vicinity.



4. That each preacher be requested to report next year in open Conference the sum raised for the Preachers' Aid Society, as he does now his missionary collection.

5. That we pledge ourselves to do the best we can to raise an average of thirty-five cents per member during the ensuing year; or eight thousand dollars, to be apportioned to the several districts as follows: Boston District, twenty-five hundred dollars; Lynn District, twenty-five hundred dollars; Worcester District, fourteen hundred dollars; Springfield District, sixteen hundred dollars; and that the presiding elders, with the district stewards, apportion the same to the several churches.

6. That we most earnestly recommend to the numerous friends of our benevolent institutions, that they remember, in their last will and testament, this most benevolent of all our societies.

7. That we advise the committee and managers to hold an anniversary meeting at the next session of our Conference.

8. That the Presiding Elders, together with the Conference preachers residing in Boston, Charlestown, Chelsea, Dorchester, Cambridge, and Somerville, constitute a committee to receive all applications, and make all necessary recommendations to the society.

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*Preachers' Aid Society of the New-England Conference of the M. E. Church, in account with CHARLES L. LANE, Treasurer.*

Cr. 1868.

April 30 — By balance on hand.....	\$5,091 41
“ cash additional from Conference .....	130 50
“ “ from the churches to Conference of 1869 .....	708 33
“ “ “ Lee Claflin, Esq. Donation.....	150 00
“ “ “ estate of Otis J. Graves of Lynn..	200 00
“ interest .....	72 30
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	\$6,352 54

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To cash paid Revs. N. A. Soule, Franklin Fisk, T. G. Brown, and William Merrill, \$250 each; H. Moulton and M. Dwight, \$225 each; P. Crandall, G. F. Cox, N. S. Spaulding, W. A. Clapp, T. W. Tucker, and Samuel Tupper, \$200 each; E. Scott, A. D. Merrill, and H. C. Dunham, \$150 each; M. P. Webster and E. B. Morgan, \$100 each; Widows Smith, Kibby, and Fisk, \$150 each; Ainsworth, \$125; Bates, Adams, Gile, Willard, Ames, Howe, Ward, and Baker, \$100 each; Merrill, Steele, Green, Field, Macreading, Bridge, and Peirce, \$50 each; children of Rev. William M. Mann, \$75; Stationery, Printing, and Postage, \$23.06.....

Balance on hand March 24, 1869 .....	\$1,229 48
Received from Conference:	
From the Churches.....	4,164 72
“ Preachers' Annual Subscriptions.....	50 00
“ Chartered Fund .....	30 00
“ Trustees of Conference.....	39 36
“ W. D. Pool.....	10 00
“ L. Boyden .....	10 00
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	\$4,304 08
Balance on hand April 1, 1869.....	\$5,533 56

## FAMILY WORSHIP.

Whereas, Domestic religion is essential to consistent piety, and family worship is essential to the maintenance and development of domestic religion as well as of social and public piety, and

Whereas, We have reason to believe that many of our members, who are heads of families neglect this vital means of grace to a greater or less extent, greatly to their own spiritual detriment, and also to that of the members of their households; and

Whereas, It is made the disciplinary duty of the pastors to inquire everywhere, "Do you have family prayer?" therefore

1. *Resolved*, That we will preach at least one sermon during the ensuing year upon the relation of family worship to personal, social, and public godliness.

2. *Resolved*, That as pastors we will faithfully urge this duty upon the attention of all our families, especially of those where the husband or wife, or both, are members of our churches.

3. *Resolved*, That we request the Presiding Elders to ask all the pastors at their fourth Quarterly Conference, the Disciplinary Question, "Do you ask everywhere, 'Do you have family prayers?'"

## MEMORIAL CHURCH AT WILBRAHAM.

This long-needed church-edifice is now nearly completed on the outside, and will be ready for plastering in a few weeks. From canvassing the churches for memorial windows, and other contributions, we have put into the treasury \$7,117 the present year. To finish it without debt, we need \$10,000 more. To raise this sum, we have commenced a subscription, payable if the whole amount shall be pledged before Oct. 1, 1869. Near \$5,000 of this is already in prospect. It will be seen that this plan contemplates its speedy completion. This is exceedingly desirable.

Our three hundred students are without suitable church accommodations, which is very prejudicial to them and to the interest of our Zion.

As this enterprise has special claims upon all our people, and has a vital connection with the interests of our church, affecting the character and course of multitudes of our educated youths, it should be regarded as of paramount importance. We therefore submit the following resolutions:—

1. *Resolved*, That we commend the Memorial Church at Wilbraham to the liberal contributions of all our people.

2. *Resolved*, That we will cordially co-operate with the appointed agent to raise the above \$10,000 before Oct. 1, 1869.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE MEMORIAL CHURCH AT WILBRAHAM FOR  
CONFERENCE YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1869.

## BOSTON DISTRICT.

Hanover St., . . . . .	\$10 50
Bromfield St., . . . . .	205 65
Grace Church, . . . . .	46 06
Tremont St., . . . . .	192 44
Meridian St., . . . . .	53 18
Rev. Wm. R. Clark, pastor, . . . . .	25 00
Saratoga St., . . . . .	16 75
Chelsea—Walnut St., . . . . .	89 34
“ Mt. Bellingham . . . . .	32 22
Newton Corner, . . . . .	9 25
South Walpole . . . . .	13 00
Newtonville, . . . . .	41 30
Newton Upper Falls, . . . . .	14 00
Watertown, . . . . .	4 00
Waltham, . . . . .	20 00
Weston, . . . . .	20 00
Holliston, . . . . .	22 55
Hopkinton, . . . . .	111 72

Marlboro', . . . . .	15 00
Rock Bottom, . . . . .	11 40
Hudson, . . . . .	14 50
Sudbury . . . . .	4 00
	<u>\$971 84</u>

## LYNN DISTRICT.

Lynn—Mrs. Isaac Newhall, . . . . .	\$100 00
“ St. Paul's, . . . . .	5 00
“ South Street, . . . . .	29 50
Charlestown—Union St., . . . . .	24 03
Somerville, . . . . .	7 00
Cambridge—Harvard St., . . . . .	43 75
“ North Avenue, . . . . .	10 00
Lowell—St. Paul's, . . . . .	17 50
“ Worthen St., . . . . .	35 00
“ Central, . . . . .	55 14

Malden, . . . . .	48 50
Salem, . . . . .	36 35
Marblehead, . . . . .	10 40
Peabody, . . . . .	6 34
Ipswich, . . . . .	17 50
Gloucester — Elm St., . . . . .	59 75
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	\$505 76

## WORCESTER DISTRICT.

Worcester — Park St., . . . . .	\$18 90
“      Laurel St., . . . . .	64 00
Oxford, . . . . .	7 06
Webster, . . . . .	21 60
Monson, . . . . .	35 58
Ware, . . . . .	12 50
Fitchburg, . . . . .	10 10
Leominster, . . . . .	26 64
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	\$196 39

## SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

Springfield — Pyncheon St., . . . . .	\$52 62
Wilbraham, . . . . .	1,505 00
Ladies' Society at Wilbraham, . . . . .	1,000 00
Ludlow, . . . . .	38 00
Westfield, . . . . .	59 00
Rev. J. H. Mansfield, Pastor, . . . . .	100 00
Coleraine, . . . . .	41 15
Greenfield, . . . . .	11 00
Easthampton, Rev. C. H. Johnson, . . . . .	10 00

Northampton, . . . . .	8 00
Williamsburg, . . . . .	8 00
Southampton, . . . . .	9 00
Feeding Hills, . . . . .	28 75
Southwick, . . . . .	16 00
Enfield, . . . . .	8 73
Chester, . . . . .	17 00
South Athol, . . . . .	9 00
Pelham, . . . . .	10 00
Leyden, . . . . .	5 00
David Smith of Pyncheon St., . . . . .	25 00
Rev. Wm. Rice      “      . . . . .	50 00
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	\$3,001 25

## SUMMARY.

Boston District, . . . . .	\$971 84
Lynn      “      . . . . .	505 76
Worcester      “      . . . . .	196 39
Springfield      “      . . . . .	3,001 25
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	\$5,675 54

Windows. — Mrs. Binney, N. Y., . . . . .	300 00
“      Mrs. Isaac Rich, Boston, . . . . .	200 00
“      E. F. Porter, . . . . .	300 00
“      Amos B. Merrill, . . . . .	200 00
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	\$6675 54

Other contributions for windows, &c.,  
make the sum about \$7,500.00.

## ZION'S HERALD.

We pledge ourselves afresh to the support of our oldest denominational paper, which we regard as entitled to rank with the very first religious journals in the land.

We feel that the “Herald,” by its high literary and religious tone, its earnest progressive spirit, its fearless grappling with the great questions of the day, its broad range of topics, and adaptation to the manifold wants and various classes of society, is a powerful agency for the intellectual culture and religious elevation of our people.

Especially would we commend its faithful warnings and resolute attacks against the most dangerous heresies of our time, and also its vigilance in watching the whole horizon of events, and directing the reader's attention from week to week to the focal points of human activity, thus keeping him ever abreast of the march of progress.

But this rich weekly entertainment is expensive, and deserves and requires for its support the best efforts of our ministry. The “Herald,” as a steady and potent auxiliary to the ministerial work, is not adequately appreciated. Let our preachers faithfully point out its merits to the churches. Let them show the people what a variety of useful information, what cultivation for the taste, what profit and recreation, it furnishes for all classes and ages. Let it supplant the superficial and flashy reading so popular among our youth, which is enervating their taste and blunting their religious sensibilities.

Let us faithfully co-operate with the agent in his enterprising plans for extending the sphere of the “Herald's” circulation.

We are glad to learn that the Wesleyan Association purpose to issue a first-class magazine. We heartily commend the wisdom and noble liberality of the brethren who have engaged to sustain this enterprise. It is imperatively demanded in all our families to counterwork the steady and insidious attacks of an unchristian periodical literature. If properly managed, it would command the hearty and unanimous patronage of the church. We suffer in all our interests for lack of it to-day; yet we trust that the enterprise will not be initiated until broad and comprehensive plans are laid which will insure it a rank worthy of the denomination, with the very first magazines of the country.

We nominate Rev. L. R. Thayer as delegate to the Wesleyan Association.



## CENTENARY.

The Centenary Committee report, that in their judgment it seems desirable that some definite exhibit should be made and put on record, upon the three following points: First, the entire amount of the Centenary subscriptions in the bounds of the Conference. Secondly, the amount actually paid. Thirdly, the amount still uncollected. No means are at the command of the committee to make so elaborate a report at this session. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:—

*Resolved*, That Wm. R. Clark, S. F. Upham, and James P. Magee be appointed a committee to investigate all the matters relating to the Centenary subscriptions, and present a report upon the same at the next annual Conference.

## SPECIAL COMMITTEES AND RESOLUTIONS.

The Committee to whom the subject of the Missionary Jubilee, and the new memorial buildings at New York was referred, respectfully report the following resolutions:—

*Resolved*, In this year of the semi-centennial of our Missionary Society, and in its jubilee week, we rejoice over its growth and prosperity from the beginning. Already its income is larger than any other single charity in the American Church. Its success is largely due, under God, to the efficiency of its Secretaries, of whom the present corps has been not the least in their zeal and ability in its service. Yet this success is far below the demands of the hour from our own and all lands. The church must not let these Macedonian calls be unheard; and we hereby pledge ourselves to co-operate with the officers of the Missionary Society in raising the amount that has once and again been called for as the lowest present obligation of the Church—a million of dollars; and we respectfully urge upon the consideration of its managers the employment of such aid as will further develop the liberality of the people, and secure their needed contributions.

*Resolved*, That we have heard with great pleasure that the commissioners appointed by the last General Conference have purchased ample and worthy buildings in the city of New York for the use of the Publishing and Missionary Departments of the Church.

*Resolved*, That in consequence of the impossibility of properly bringing the jubilee gift for the Mission House before our churches for the first sabbath in April, the time that has been appointed, we hereby agree to present this cause to our congregations on the second Sunday of May; and also pledge ourselves to secure as liberal offerings as is possible, to this most important enterprise.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Conference be and hereby is instructed to forward a copy of the resolutions to the Corresponding Secretary of the Missionary Society and to its Board of Managers.

## MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Conference be and hereby are given to Brother Eastman for the services rendered for several years past in arranging for reduction of fares upon the railroads, and that he be requested to act as our representative in the same matter for the next session.

*Resolved*, That a committee of five be appointed to consider the matter of life insurance for this Conference, and that the committee be requested to get up a plan within ourselves, or in connection with an insurance company if possible, and report the same at the next Annual Conference.

The following brethren constitute the committee: R. W. Allen, A. D. Sargeant, W. McDonald, T. J. Abbott, George Whitaker.

*Whereas*, the educational interests of the Methodist Episcopal Church within the bounds of the N. E. Conference demand a ladies' seminary of a high grade; and

*Whereas*, the eastern portion of our Conference, with its immense population, has no seminary of this character; therefore,

*Resolved*, That a committee, consisting of Hon. Wm. Claflin, Isaac Rich, Jacob Sleeper, Rev. L. R. Thayer, D.D., and Rev. W. R. Clark, be appointed to confer with the trustees of Wilbraham Academy, and all other interested parties, as to the feasibility of securing such an institution to the patronage of our Conference; and that the committee be requested to report at the next session of our Annual Conference.



*Resolved*, That the presiding elders be instructed to arrange the preliminary movements for the establishment of a Conference Domestic Missionary Society, and to report at our next session.

The committee to whom was referred the consideration of the subject of providing more ample means to meet the demands of our domestic missionary work, recommend that a committee be appointed, consisting of J. Hascall, W. R. Clark, W. F. Mallalieu, D. Dorchester, S. F. Upham, L. R. Thayer, and G. Haven, to consider the propriety of organizing a Domestic Missionary Society; and, if in their judgment it be deemed expedient, to draft a constitution and by-laws for such a society, and report to the next session of this Annual Conference.

*Resolved*, That we have heard with pleasure that an application has been made to the Legislature of this State by members of our church, for incorporation as a board of trustees for the holding of funds, to be ultimately employed in the establishment of a university in or near the city of Boston.

We rejoice in the liberality this movement signifies, and believe that its ultimate success will be a blessing to the church and the nation.

*Resolved*, That the Conference extends to our beloved Bishop Thomson a cordial invitation to remove his residence to some place which he may select within the bounds of the Conference.

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## MEMOIRS.

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### REV. SAMUEL TUPPER.

REV. SAMUEL TUPPER was born in Cornwallis, Nova Scotia, Dec. 19, 1820; and died at Greenfield, Mass., Jan. 11, 1869.

His parents, Nathan and Rachel Tupper, were worthy and respectable members of the Wesleyan Society; and, under their example and teaching, his mind was early drawn to serious reflection, and at the age of twenty years he gave evidence of personal piety. Immediately uniting with the church, he began to exhort, "having received a license from heaven."

In the mean time, he was engaged with his father in mercantile pursuits, in which he acquired the accurate business habits which distinguished him through life, and in which also he gave promise of becoming a successful business man. Regarding his occupation as fixed, he determined to change his relations in life, and was, on the 23d of April, 1841, united in matrimony to Miss Mary Ann Bill of Cornwallis, who, with seven of the nine children with which they were blessed, survives him. With tastes inclining him to business, he nevertheless, from the date of his conversion, felt that it was his duty to preach; and, however inconvenient after his settlement in life, he resolved to venture. The church, witnessing his gifts of grace, did not hesitate to approve by giving him a license as a local preacher.

Impelled by this conviction of duty, he determined to renounce business, and devote his life to the ministry. As his own Conference was over-crowded, he concluded to remove to the States, where a broader and more promising field opened before him. Accordingly, in September, 1843, he came to Massachusetts, and was appointed by Reuben Ransom, then Presiding Elder of Springfield District, to fill out the year at Enfield, a new and difficult charge, which he served with great acceptance. At the ensuing Conference held at Westfield, he was admitted on trial, and re-appointed to Enfield.

His subsequent appointments were: 1845-6, Lunenburg, where he built a parsonage; 1847-8, Hubbardston; 1849-50, Leominster, where he enjoyed a good revival,

and remodelled the church ; 1851-2, Townsend, where they purchased and remodelled the Unitarian church, paying every dollar of indebtedness ; 1853-4, Fitchburg, where the church was enlarged and filled with hearers ; 1855-6, Webster, where he built a parsonage and enjoyed an extensive revival ; 1857-8, Holliston, where one hundred adults were converted, and added to the church ; 1859-60, Meridian Street, Boston, where he was quite useful in increasing the membership of the church ; 1861-2, Roxbury, where he remarked that the first year was as dark as Egypt, but the second was a time of miracles, financially and spiritually ; 1863, East Cambridge, where he removed the debt from the church, and increased the numbers and interest of the Sabbath school ; 1864-6, Church street, Boston, where he performed his greatest work, as he cancelled an old debt of over fourteen thousand dollars, saw two hundred conversions, and had three hundred added to the Sunday school ; 1867-8, Greenfield, where he commenced a great work, but was prevented by sickness from carrying out all his plans. In the midst of his labors, in January, 1868, he took a severe cold, which resulted in a fever, from which he never recovered, though he improved, and for a time the hope was cherished that rest and change of climate would restore his health. With this hope he visited Minnesota in the summer, but returned in the autumn without improvement. From the date of his return, the decline, though steady, was constant and irretrievable. With wasted strength, but indomitable courage and energy, he attempted for a few Sabbaths more to preach ; but when, on the approach of cold weather, he was obliged to relinquish his work, his strength rapidly vanished, and he sank to the tomb. Fully conscious that he was walking through the valley and shadow of death, he feared no evil, having the rod and staff to comfort him ; while his feet, like those of Pilgrim, pressed the rock below. As became such a life, his end was not only tranquil, but hopeful and triumphant. Regretting to leave his loved employment and the members of his household, he yet remarked, that to him rest with his Redeemer would be sweet.

As a man, Brother Tupper was greatly respected and beloved by all who knew him. Pure and unselfish in spirit, he made many and fast friends, no enemies. All felt that he wished to do them good. By these qualities he was able to reach many outside the church and of his stated congregations, especially the young, many of whom were through his labors brought to Christ.

As a minister, he was in labors more abundant, as the above record shows, excelling especially in social and pastoral gifts. With a mind well balanced, practical, earnest, ingenious in expedients to do good, he was able always to bring forth from his treasury, truths "profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness," but followed the more public teaching of the sanctuary into the social meeting and to the fireside. The enemy was conquered in detail, and his strong works reduced by regular siege. With something of impulse, he yet depended for success upon hard and constant labor. A worker himself, he possessed the gift of inducing others about him to work, and thus contribute to the general tide of prosperity.

Nor were his labors confined to any one department of duty. Trained in business, he was a good manager of the finances of the churches he served, broad and wise in plan, and energetic in execution ; thus restoring many waste places, and opening to the churches higher possibilities of usefulness.

As a minister, however, he rejoiced most in the possession of those gifts which enabled him to lead sinners to Christ. The power he possessed with men was used

to secure their salvation : his crown will be bedecked with many stars. If he went " forth weeping, bearing precious seed, he has no doubt returned with joy, bearing with him golden sheaves into the presence of his Lord." Of him, as of Barnabas, may we say, " He was a good man, full of the Holy Ghost, of faith," and patience, and through his instrumentality " much people was added unto the Lord."

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#### REV. BENJAMIN FRANK CHACE

Was born in Taunton, Mass., Jan. 3, 1841, and died in Worcester, on the evening of the Sabbath, March 28, 1869. The child of pious parents, in youth he experienced religion at a Methodist prayer-meeting in his native place. He was early impressed that it was his duty to preach the gospel. From a desire, in part, to dispel these impressions, and also to gratify his wish to see foreign lands, in the year 1861 he sailed from Boston, as a ship-carpenter, on a vessel bound for the East Indies. It touched at Bombay ; and, while she lay in port, he found his way to the grave of that pious, accomplished, honored missionary lady, Mrs. Judson. Standing there, he thought of this devoted woman, who years before had left her native land, and fallen far from home, for the love she bore to Christ, and the heathen, his promised inheritance. His old convictions of duty to preach the gospel now revived in great vividness and urgency. On the voyage, having visited China and many other places, he was made mate of the vessel he sailed on, with the prospect of a captaincy, should he continue to follow the seas. While on his homeward way, after an absence of about three years, the five hundred dollars in gold accumulated by his sailor-life were stolen from him. He then promised God, if he would aid him in recovering the lost gold, he would devote it sacredly to his education. On his arrival in Boston, the man who had stolen it, stung by an awakened conscience, returned to him the gold, which he soon after exchanged for twelve hundred dollars in currency. Faithful in his promise to God, in 1864 he entered the East Greenwich Academy, where he spent one year, was made an exhorter, took a leading rank in his studies, received a prize, and was commended for scholarship by the Examining Committee. While here he held meetings in the vicinity, where some were awakened and hopefully converted. From this institution, he was highly commended as a suitable young man to enter the Biblical Institute, at Concord, N.H., and, in 1865, became a student there. Being now in the " school of the prophets," he anew consecrated himself to God, and applied his powers vigorously to study and to prayer. He sought and obtained a higher spiritual life. In 1866, he received a local preacher's license, and was subsequently appointed by the Presiding Elder to preach at Fremont, N.H., where he acceptably labored for a year, and successfully pursued his studies with his class. The next year, 1867, he preached but occasionally, and spent most of his strength upon his seminary studies. He did well, and at the end of the year passed an excellent examination. In March, 1868, he was admitted on probation in the New-England Conference, and stationed at Webster Square, Worcester. In the June following, he graduated honorably, at the Boston Theological Seminary, much beloved by his classmates and professors. He immediately entered upon his duties as a pastor, and in the first two months had visited all the members of his church and congregation. His ministerial work continued about six months, when he was suddenly seized with a profuse hemorrhage of the lungs, after which he was never again able to preach. But his faithful labors the blessed Master made the basis of a revival of religion,

in which between twenty and thirty persons were hopefully converted to God. As a manager of the Young Men's Christian Association in Worcester, he attracted the respect and esteem of all who knew him. At the house of Mr. Sutton, where he boarded, he was tenderly cared for by the family, in his sickness, and all was done that regard and love could prompt. He so far recovered as to make a brief visit home. But, taken worse, he hastened for medical aid to Worcester. On his arrival, the family of her to whom he was betrothed took him to their own home, where, as ministering angels, they waited by his bedside until his release. Admonished by his physician that he might die at any moment, he said, "I have my ticket, and am ready." It will not be soon forgotten with what earnestness he labored at the last Sterling camp-meeting, where he went forth among the congregation, and led weeping sinners by the hand to the altar of prayer. When this good man drew near the grave, his chief desire to recover was, that he might preach the gospel of the blessed Christ. In view of death he faltered not; for he believed that he should go and be with his Redeemer.

It would seem unjust to his memory to fail to say that he was a young minister of a large, warm heart, full of sympathy, a clear, logical understanding, cultivated well for one whose advantages had been so limited; an earnest, brave, persistent soul, sincerely devoted to God's work, studious, ever ready to do what he could to honor Christ and to save men. He has fallen in his work. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, from henceforth."



## SCHEDULE NO. 1.

STATISTICS OF BOSTON DISTRICT, NEW-ENGLAND CONFERENCE, FOR 1869.

STATIONS.	NUMBERS.				BAPT'SMS.		CH. PROPERTY.			SAB. SCHOOLS.			PREACH. SUPPORT.				
	Members.	Deaths.	Prob'ners.	Lo. Preach.	Adults.	Children.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Schools.	Officers & Teachers.	Scholars.	Vols. in Library.	Rent.	Whole Estimate.	Total Receipts.
Presiding Elder.....																	\$2,350
Boston, Hanover Street	353	2	42	2	12	7	1	\$75,000	1	\$7,000	2	70	600	1,000	\$400	\$2,100	2,100
Do. Bromfield St.	440	7	45	13	18	4	1	75,000	1	8,000	2	64	460	782			3,000
Do. Church Street.	385	6	36		14	2	1	45,000			2	57	560	1,200	450	1,800	1,800
Do. Grace Church.	255	4	60	2	18	4	1	75,000	1	15,000	1	43	300	700	1200	3,000	3,000
Do. Tremont St.	245	5	30	3	12	5	1	150,000		14,000	1	42	232	1,217	1000	3,500	3,500
Do. Meridian St.	414	7	31		10	2	1	20,000	1	7,000	1	57	680	1,000	500	2,300	2,300
Do. Saratoga St.	260	1	18	1	14	4	1	30,000			1	59	565	1,070	350	1,800	1,800
Do. Centenary Ch.	315	4	47	2	28	2	1	10,000			1	33	475	500	420	1,800	1,800
Do. Dorchester St.	147	6	37		26	4	1	17,000			1	24	187	250	350	1,600	1,800
Do. Warren St.	332	3	55	1	20	4			1	4,500	1	41	385	484	300	2,100	2,100
Do. Washington St.	56		28	5	16	2					1	18	140	263			
Do. City Mission.						3	1	2,500			1	20	154	330	480	1,750	1,750
Do. Revere Street.	128		13	3		4	1	5,000			1	28	178	50			
Chelsea, Walnut Street	339	2	47	4	10	3	1	25,000	1	4,000	1	41	395	1,004	600	2,400	2,400
Do. Mt. Bellingham	279	5	36	1	19	12	1	22,000			1	43	403	769	300	1,600	1,600
Winthrop	52	5		1				1,500			1	15	75	250		500	500
Jamaica Plain	55	1									1	10	70	300		700	700
Hyde Park	67	1	12		5						1	20	130	400	250	1,000	1,000
Dorchester	145		5		3		1	9,500			1	36	222	597	200	1,200	1,200
Neponset	63		10			1	1	4,000			1	13	90	350	250	1,000	1,000
Quincy Point.							1	4,000									
Dedham	59		18	2	2		1	3,000	1	2,500	1	15	100	325	200	800	
South Walpole	107	6	25		15	1	1	4,500	1	2,000	1	115	432	140	850		900
Newton.	63				2		1	15,000	1	9,000	1	15	126	412	300	1,800	1,800
Newton Upper Falls.	110	2	20		1	2	1	10,000	1	2,000	1	26	175	500	200	1,200	1,200
Newtonville.	64	1	20	2			1	30,000			1	15	138	500	300	1,300	1,300
Needham & Newton Lower Falls	50		17		7						2	23	170	210		1,000	900
Natick	116	1	9		4	4					1	18	130	300	250	1,200	1,200
Ashland	30		9				1	16,000			1	15	96	175	150	1,000	1,150
Saxtonville	120	2	17	1	1		1	8,000	1	1,500	1	18	100	600	125	1,000	1,000
Cochituate.	35		4		4			2,000			1	15	136	390		500	550
Holliston	212	2	15	1	1		1	7,000	1	2,500	1	22	245	500	225	1,300	1,300
Auburndale.	38	2	12	1	12		1	10,000			2	16	149	218		1,200	1,200
Watertown.	70	2	4		1	3	1	10,000	1		1	22	110	1,070	300	1,500	1,500
Waltham.	215	5	16	1	3		1	15,000	1	5,000	1	27	229	300	300	1,450	1,450
Weston.	70	1	6	1	1		1	2,500		1,500	1	11	61	491	112	800	800
Hopkinton	114	2	10		5		1	7,000	1	1,700	1	27	192	800	150	1,000	1,000
Milford.	172	3	9		3	2	1	9,000	1	2,500	1	25	225	700	200	1,300	1,300
West Medway.	59		15		13		1	3,500			1	15	132	605		800	800
Mendon	38		6		2		1	3,000			1	7	50	350			510
Westboro'	58	1	5		2		1	8,000			1	18	130	500		900	900
Marlboro'	121	1	10		5		1	7,000	1	2,000	1	19	160	400	150	1,200	1,200
Rock Bottom.	75	2	11		4	1	1	5,000	1	1,500	1	14	90	400	100	800	800
Hudson.	94		10		11		1	15,000			1	23	150	284	160	1,200	1,250
Sudbury	50	1	5		8		1	3,500	1	1,200	1	15	85	345	100	700	700
Assabet.	18					3					1	14	120	250	104	800	800
Totals	6488	93	825	47	332	79	39	774,500	20	94,400	50	1194	9710	23,573	10,616	55,750	61,210

STATISTICS OF LYNN DISTRICT, NEW-ENGLAND CONFERENCE, FOR 1869.

Presiding Elder.....	338	9	8	2	6	3	1	\$25,000	1	\$6,000	1	69	483	700	\$500	\$2,000	\$1,900
Lynn, Common Street.	338	9	8	2	6	3	1	\$25,000	1	\$6,000	1	69	483	700	\$500	\$2,000	\$1,900
Do. St. Paul's.	225	1	10	1	8		1	25,000	1	3,000	1	31	280	900	400	1,600	1,600
Do. South Street	200	2	22		11	1	1	8,500	1	5,000	2	32	170	700	400	1,400	1,400
Do. Maple Street	138	1	14		10		1	2,000	1	1,800	1	23	200	750	150	1,000	1,000
Do. Boston Street	250	3	7	1	1		1	15,000	1	3,000	1	51	296	400			
Swampscott.....	85		10		15		1	10,000			1	21	150	367	150	1,000	1,000
Charlestown, Trinity Ch.	330	1	30	3	10	3	1	85,000	1	6,000	2	70	715	900	700	2,700	2,700
Do. Union Church	228	3	9	1	8	2	1	40,000			1	40	286	809	250	2,000	2,000
Somerville	85		20		1	3	1	14,000			1	25	205	825	250	1,250	1,250
East Somerville.	30		35	1		9					1	16	100	200			188
Cambridge, East.	186	2	29		19	9	1	12,000	1	4,000	1	36	295	900	300	1,500	1,500
Do. Harvard St.	335	2	25	4	10	4	1	30,000	1	5,000	1	45	400	850	500	2,500	2,500
Do. North Avenue	53		17		8		1	8,000			1	13	72	175		500	500
Lowell, St. Paul's.	648	4	48	3	21	2	1	20,000			1	40	509	745		2,000	2,000
Do. Worthen Street	400	4	62	2	48	14	1	15,000			1	54	451	783	400	2,000	2,000
Do. Central Church	342	5	42		15	1	1	20,000			1	41	243	500	400	2,000	2,000
Woburn	171	2	24	2			1	18,000			1	25	172	453	250	1,200	1,200
Stoneham	86	1	40	1	32	2	1	10,000			1	23	230	300	200	1,200	1,200
Wakefield	47		19	1	8		1	3,500			1	18	115	332	100	800	800

STATISTICS OF LYNN DISTRICT, NEW-ENGLAND CONFERENCE, FOR 1869 — *Continued.*

STATIONS.	NUMBERS.				BAPT'SMS.		CH. PROPERTY.			SAB. SCHOOLS.				PREACH. SUPPORT.			
	Members.	Deaths.	Prob'ners.	Lo. Preach.	Adults.	Children.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Schools.	Officers & Teachers.	Scholars.	Vols. in Library.	Rent.	Whole Estimate.	Total Receipts.
Reading	26	1	8	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	12	62	500	....	\$305	\$305.00
Malden	166	4	19	3	10	3	1	\$20,000	1	\$4,000	1	35	236	800	\$400	1,600	1,600.00
Maplewood	33	1	3	1	2	1	..	4,000	..	..	1	19	125	350	....	500	625.00
Melrose	191	2	6	4	..	..	1	20,000	1	3,000	1	25	205	600	350	1,200	1,550.00
Medford	103	4	8	..	2	1	1	7,000	..	..	1	27	192	483	220	1,100	1,100.00
West Medford	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	125	1,000	1,100.00
East Saugus	90	2	3	..	..	..	1	12,000	1	1,000	..	17	133	700	150	....	1,250.00
Cliftondale	71	1	17	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	1	18	150	600	100	750	750.00
Salem	244	6	28	..	9	5	1	18,000	..	..	1	47	440	590	204	1,500	1,500.00
Beverly	35	1	18	1	6	2	1	18,000	..	..	1	23	152	300	200	1,200	1,200.00
Marblehead	162	1	6	..	..	1	1	15,000	1	2,000	1	31	133	501	200	900	900.00
Peabody	142	1	27	..	16	2	1	17,000	1	2,500	1	24	160	300	250	1,100	1,100.00
Ipswich	245	3	15	2	4	1	1	15,700	1	1,500	1	39	250	650	150	1,050	1,050.00
Newburyport, First Ch.	143	1	6	..	6	..	1	15,000	..	..	1	17	139	246	175	....	....
Do. Purchase St.	75	3	8	..	..	..	1	4,000	1	2,000	1	20	100	400	125	800	800.00
Byfield	55	2	13	1	..	..	1	2,000	..	..	1	16	130	400	70	600	600.00
Gloucester, Elm Street	294	3	20	1	20	6	1	9,000	1	5,800	2	46	320	531	400	1,400	1,400.00
Do. Riverdale	97	2	22	..	3	..	1	4,000	1	2,500	1	31	150	400	200	800	800.00
Rockport	61	1	51	..	14	3	2	14,000	..	..	1	21	208	382	144	1,000	1,000.00
Topfield	108	2	13	..	35	..	1	9,000	1	1,500	1	20	122	225	100	700	705.00
North Andover	59	1	10	..	1	2	1	3,000	1	1,400	1	18	140	450	80	800	800.00
Ballardvale	32	1	3	1	..	..	1	4,000	..	..	1	17	90	440	....	700	600.00
Groveland	36	1	13	..	2	..	1	5,000	..	..	1	8	60	500	....	500	575.00
Total	6630	78	788	36	371	82	39	576,000	19	61,600	44	1204	9069	21,938	8594	46,155	50 043.00

## STATISTICS OF WORCESTER DISTRICT, NEW-ENGLAND CONFERENCE, FOR 1869.

Presiding Elder.																	\$1,972.00
Worcester, Park Street	350	5	27	2	3	6	1	\$20,000			1	52	390	843	\$400	\$2,050	2,050.00
Do. Laurel Street	130	2	17		6		1	15,000	1	\$3,000	1	29	275	1,006	300	1,400	1,400.00
Do. Main Street	291	1	35	1	38						1	36	412	355	400	2,000	2,000.00
Do. Webster Sq.	59	7	1								1	18	128	309	....	....	....
Shrewsbury	86	4	8	1	1		1	7,000	1	1,200	1	15	100	500	100	800	800.00
New-England Village	38	1	6	1			1	3,500			1	12	70	276	100	....	....
Milbury	93	2	23	1	11			5,000			1	15	130	300	140	700	740.00
East Douglas	77	1	3	1	6	6	1	1,500	1	1,000	1	15	65	300	125	800	800.00
Whitinsville	78	1	10		6	4		1,500	1	1,500	1	13	100	411	100	800	800.00
Leicester	24	4	4		1						1	12	45	150	....	800	800.00
Cherry Valley	41	2	12				1	3,000			1	12	91	300	75	1,000	855.00
Oxford	128	5	4	1	1		1	25,000	1	1,400	1	18	110	400	150	1,000	1,050.00
Webster	214	1	23	3	3	2	1	23,000			1	25	200	275	200	1,400	1,400.00
Dudley	84	2	15	1	2		1	3,000			1	11	68	300	70	600	600.00
Southbridge	121	4	12	1	1	1	1	4,000	1	2,000	1	28	145	415	200	1,000	1,000.00
Charlton	58	7		3			1	3,500			1	12	95	350	80	600	600.00
Spencer	67	2	2				1	5,000	1	2,000	1	12	121	450	125	700	700.00
Brookfield	74	7		3			1	12,000	1	3,000	1	18	125	200	150	1,000	1,000.00
East Brookfield	38	3	1								1	6	15	400	....	....	....
West Brookfield	52	7		1			1	3,000	1	3,000	1	9	75	300	112	700	700.00
North Brookfield	71	1	4	1	8	1	1	4,000	1	2,000	1	12	65	325	100	700	700.00
Warren	79	2	10		2		1	6,000			1	10	110	450	125	800	800.00
Monson	97	2					1	7,000			1	16	200	100	125	700	700.00
Wales	88	1					1	1,500	1	1,500	1	8	40	350	50	500	500.00
Athol Depot	116	9	2	1			1	8,000			1	21	160	300	....	1,200	1,200.00
South Royalston	40	4					1	2,500			1	7	40	300	....	500	530.00
Ware	106	1	14		6	2	1	8,000			1	18	142	400	120	1,000	1,000.00
Hardwick							1										....
Barre	106	20	1			1	1	6,000	1	1,200	1	14	110	350	100	900	980.00
Hubbardston	150	22	10	1	4		1	6,000	1	1,200	1	18	150	480	100	750	750.00
East Templeton	72	1	6	2	3	2	1	3,500			1	19	90	680	115	800	800.00
Winchendon	158	7	21	1	13	6	1	3,000	1	2,500	1	17	165	500	200	900	900.00
Ashburnham	70	2	19		4		1	2,500	1	1,200	1	25	225	800	150	768	768.00
Fitchburg	224	2	5	3	9	1	1	15,000			1	31	210	500	....	1,200	1,200.00
Leominster	163	2	8	1	5		1	6,000	1	1,500	1	23	210	850	150	1,000	1,000.00
Lunenburg	50	4	2		1		1	2,000	1	1,000	1	14	125	300	65	625.00	....
Townsend	54	5		3			1	2,000			1	18	125	547	75	600	573.00
East Pepperell	30	1	2		3						1	11	80	400	54	600	545.00
Clinton	100	5				3	1	10,000			1	20	140	500	215	1,000	1,000.00
Oakdale	139	2	6	1			1	8,000			1	19	180	300	85	750	750.00
Rutland							1	4,000									....
Princeton	53	1			2	1	1	5,000			1	13	60	425	50	500	500.00
Totals	4069	79	382	28	150	36	36	243,500	17	30,200	40	702	5387	16,697	4706	32,518	35,088.00



## STATISTICS OF SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT, NEW-ENGLAND CONFERENCE, FOR 1869.

STATIONS.	NUMBERS.				BAPT'SMS.		CH. PROPERTY.			SAB. SCHOOLS.				PREACH. SUPPORT.			
	Members.	Deaths.	Probationers.	L. Preach.	Adults.	Children.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Schools.	Officers & Teachers.	Scholars.	Vols. in Library.	Rent.	Whole Estimate.	Total Receipts.
Presiding Elder																	\$1,500.00
Springfield, Florence St.	81	3	6	1	3		2	\$15,000		\$	1	26	191	750	\$125	\$1,000	1,000.00
"    Pynchon St.	320	2	4		3	2	1	18,000			1	47	333	900	400	1,850	1,850.00
"    Union St.	171	1	3		3		1	20,000			1	31	194	850	200	1,200	1,200.00
"    Central Ch.	87	1	3		5				1	5,000	1	26	181	500	300	1,500	1,500.00
East Longmeadow	32	1	1				1	4,000		1,200	1	12	46	306	75		500.00
Wilbraham	165	2	8	4	3	3	1	20,000		2,500	2	24	300	600	200	1,200	1,200.00
South Wilbraham	75	1	7	1	5	3	1	4,200		1,800	1	12	70	600	100	720	720.00
Glendale	26	1	7		20		1	3,000			1	10	40	310		300	300.00
Ludlow	91	1	4		15	1	1	7,000		600	1	16	100	300	60	750	800.00
Chicopee	182	12	1	5	2	1	1	10,200		2,000	1	27	172	550	200	1,400	1,400.00
Chicopee Falls	57	11			10	2	1	10,000			1	16	104	247		700	700.00
Holyoke	139	1	5		4						1	19	192	375	150	1,000	1,000.00
So. Hadley Falls	42	13			13		1	3,000			1	15	50	125	108	1,000	1,000.00
F'ding Hills & Agawam	56	1	6	1			2	3,500			1	10	55	200		600	600.00
Southwick	51	1	16	1	1		1	2,000			1	12	64	200			360.00
Westfield	357	6	50	1	32		1	30,000	1	4,500	1	49	336	631	200	2,000	2,000.00
Westfield, W. Parish.	31	1	3	2	9		1	3,500	1	1,000	1	8	60		50	500	500.00
Blandford	127	1	13	1	40		1	3,500	1	2,000	1	15	108	600	80	700	700.00
Chester	49	1	19	1	1		1	2,000	1	1,200	1	12	60	400	75	700	700.00
South Worthington	46	1	8		2		1	3,000	1	700	1	10	70	300	50	700	700.00
Southampton	94	1	17	1	1		1	4,000			1	12	100	250	76	466	466.00
Easthampton	118	2	48	1	29	2	1	16,000			1	26	144	555	125	1,000	1,000.00
Northampton	123	3	10	1	5	2	1	8,000	1	2,700	1	19	136	300	200	1,050	1,050.00
Williamsburg	78	3	4	1	4	1	1	7,500	1	2,000	1	16	120	550	75	800	800.00
Charlemont	77	1	17		13		1	3,000	1	1,000	1	12	88	500	75	600	625.00
Heath	49	2	27						1	600	1	10	72	200		400	425.00
Coleraine	215	4	15		39		1	4,000	1	1,500	2	20	200	275		600	900.00
Buckland	46	1	3	1			1	2,100			1	12	85	200	35	500	500.00
Shelburne Falls	56	1	4	1	2	3	1	10,000			1	12	80	150	150	700	700.00
Greenfield	70	10			3		1	3,000	1	4,500	1	15	100	300	300	1,000	1,000.00
S. Deerfield & Conway	66	1	8	1	2		1	3,500			1	8	35	200	95	600	551.00
Bernardston	64	1	3	1	3		1	1,200			1	10	50	185		250	250.00
Gill	59	1	3	1	3		1	1,800	1	800	1	10	35	260	50	230	270.00
New Salem	34						1	700	1	300	1	7	30	200			
North Prescott	62	40			16		1	1,000	1	1,000	15	115	240	60	600	700.00	
So. Athol & No. Dana	60	1	6				1	800			1	8	50	350		400	400.00
Palmer	109	1	4				1	4,000	1	1,600	19	119	275	100	800	800.00	
Belchertown	90	3	32		16						1	14	75	292	100	700	700.00
Bond's Village	41	16									1	10	65	265	50	700	700.00
Pelham	117	2	9				1	2,500	1	600	12	100	300	75	600	600.00	
Enfield	34	1	1		3		1	3,000	1	1,200	1	9	50	325	70	600	600.00
Amherst	19				1									40			
North Amherst	40	1	3	1			1	1,500			1	7	40	300			
Leyden	72	10			2	2					2	20	130	175	75	800	650.00
Hadley	23	7			9						1	5	40		50	500	500.00
Total	4001	48	496	24	326	23	30	239,500	23	40,300	47	705	4785	15,371	4134	31,716	34,427.00

## COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	NUMBERS.				BAPT'SMS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.			PREACH. SUPPORT.			
	Members.	Deaths.	Probationers.	L. Preach.	Adults.	Children.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Rent.	Whole Estimate.	Total Receipts.
In 1869.....	21,188	298	2,491	135	1,179	220	153	\$1,833,500	79	\$226,500	\$28,050	\$166,139	\$180,773.00
" 1868.....	20,583	252	2,673	125	1,112	302	151	1,603,050	72	182,500	23,605	154,864	158,533.61
Increase.....	605	46	.....	10	67	....	2	230,450	7	44,000	4,445	11,275	22,339.39
Decrease .....	.....	.....	182	.....	.....	82	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

# SCHEDULE NO. 2.

STATISTICS OF BOSTON DISTRICT, NEW-ENGLAND CONFERENCE, FOR 1869.

STATIONS.	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.										
	Preachers' Aid.	MISSIONS.		Church Extension.	Tract Society.	Am. Bible Society.	S. S. Union.	Education Society.	Boston Theological Seminary.	Frdmen's Aid Soc.	Church Aid.
		Church.	School.								
Boston, Hanover St.....	\$135.00	\$125.00	\$100.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$13.23	\$5.50	\$14.50	\$13.38	\$...	\$ 52.00
“ Bromfield St.....	108.22	744.00	181.00	12.75	17.15	.....	12.50	.....	68.00	.....	1,636.90
“ Church St.....	166.00	467.68	.....	11.41	11.35	12.36	10.00	14.40	13.24	.....	110.00
“ Grace Ch.....	110.12	525.47	.....	.....	5.00	18.88	9.83	.....	.....	.....	88.87
“ Tremont St.....	330.00	710.70	125.00	.....	29.45	34.46	35.47	49.12	70.43	.....	90.63
“ Meridian St.....	143.33	478.50	.....	18.60	8.00	18.77	10.60	.....	6.85	12.60	40.00
“ Saratoga St.....	78.00	165.00	6.00	13.00	6.00	10.00	12.41	6.00	10.00	10.00	59.95
“ Centenary Ch.....	85.00	200.00	.....	.....	10.00	6.00	6.00	10.00	10.00	8.00	34.05
“ Dorchester St.....	36.14	180.10	.....	.....	.....	8.25	.....	5.00	6.00	4.47	11.00
“ Warren St.....	84.36	104.85	.....	.....	5.00	5.81	11.41	10.25	8.12	.....	.....
“ Washington St.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
“ City Mission.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
“ Revere St.....	.....	15.07	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chelsea, Walnut St.....	158.63	682.02	50.00	.....	16.77	21.93	12.88	22.16	23.08	.....	77.14
“ Mt. Bellingham.....	96.00	120.00	.....	8.00	10.00	8.00	13.00	16.50	8.00	8.00	15.00
Winthrop.....	24.20	32.20	.....	.....	2.52	.....	2.10	.....	.....	.....	15.00
Jamaica Plain.....	27.62	40.70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hyde Park.....	*30.00	30.19	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dorchester.....	65.00	127.00	.....	.....	5.00	.....	4.00	.....	7.10	.....	.....
Neponset.....	2.00	21.00	.....	.....	1.00	2.00	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Quincy Point.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dedham.....	6.64	5.35	.....	.....	.....	2.05	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
S. Walpole.....	9.00	33.00	.....	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	2.00	2.00	1.00	1.00
Newton.....	53.00	140.00	.....	15.00	7.00	6.00	5.00	10.00	22.00	10.00	45.00
Newton Upper Falls.....	53.00	50.00	.....	7.37	.....	6.07	2.12	.....	.....	7.66	.....
Newtonville.....	25.00	120.20	.....	8.50	5.00	5.35	.....	.....	14.55	15.00	46.70
Needham & Newton L. Falls	4.50	15.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Natick.....	46.50	44.83	.....	2.00	5.25	10.25	2.00	2.00	.....	.....	29.00
Ashland.....	22.05	163.88	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Saxtonville.....	10.00	30.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.50	13.35	.....	.....
Cochituate.....	88.82	213.08	11.44	5.00	5.00	11.16	5.00	5.00	.....	5.00	23.89
Holliston.....	23.75	138.21	20.40	4.44	2.56	4.45	4.18	6.00	5.00	.....	3.11
Auburndale.....	20.00	66.00	.....	2.50	6.40	1.00	7.35	2.15	6.10	3.50	7.00
Watertown.....	68.87	123.92	7.87	.....	12.69	10.00	7.00	.....	.....	.....	40.00
Waltham.....	20.38	21.48	.....	.....	.....	2.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	42.50
Weston.....	118.00	71.00	.....	.....	3.00	3.00	.....	12.00	10.00	.....	207.87
Hopkinton.....	62.00	152.00	.....	5.00	4.00	10.00	4.00	5.00	5.00	2.90	40.00
Milford.....	5.00	33.00	.....	3.00	2.00	2.00	4.00	2.00	3.00	2.00	.....
West Medway.....	1.77	3.83	.....	.....	.....	.68	.....	.69	.....	.....	.....
Mendon.....	16.00	106.25	.....	.....	5.80	18.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Westboro'.....	50.00	69.00	36.00	.....	7.00	12.00	5.00	12.00	10.00	.....	7.00
Marlboro'.....	5.00	13.00	.....	.....	2.75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.00
Rock Bottom.....	24.45	18.55	.....	2.00	7.00	.....	3.80	.....	.....	5.25	19.50
Hudson.....	20.00	20.00	.....	.....	2.50	4.00	.....	.....	5.00	3.60	.....
Sudbury.....	.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Assabet.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	2,503.35	6,607.16	744.71	129.57	205.81	272.37	210.84	216.58	340.20	98.98	2,754.21

NOTE.—The following amounts have been contributed to Home Missions: Church Street, \$200; Centenary Church, \$132; Warren Street, \$26.90.

\* Twenty-five dollars of this amount given in coal.

## STATISTICS OF LYNN DISTRICT, NEW-ENGLAND CONFERENCE, FOR 1869.

*Lynn, Common St.....	*\$265.00	†2,295.00	\$30.00	\$13.14	\$15.00	\$15.57	\$15.10	†116.48	\$19.73	\$33.97	\$.....
“ St. Paul's.....	18.50	129.90	45.10	.....	7.20	.....	3.91	.....	6.00	5.21	38.00
“ South Street.....	44.00	205.00	.....	7.00	.....	11.00	.....	10.00	12.00	.....	21.46
“ Maple “.....	26.00	30.00	.....	.....	2.40	.....	3.00	.....	2.00	3.00	.....
“ Boston “.....	90.00	150.00	.....	.....	.....	5.04	.....	10.00	.....	.....	20.50
Swampscott.....	21.00	15.00	15.00	10.00	4.00	4.00	3.00	1.45	3.00	7.00	3.93
Charlestown, Trinity Church	150.00	350.00	.....	.....	16.00	16.00	12.00	39.00	32.00	24.00	57.00
“ Union Church.....	121.00	161.50	.....	.....	7.00	5.00	4.00	10.00	9.00	8.00	44.00
Somerville.....	32.10	68.66	.....	1.00	10.23	8.72	1.00	2.00	.....	.....	3.00
East Somerville.....	.....	11.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cambridge, East.....	102.00	304.00	.....	12.00	7.00	11.00	7.00	12.50	14.00	11.00	45.50
“ Harvard St.....	144.57	305.00	315.00	13.76	5.00	13.00	11.50	10.00	33.49	42.90	131.75
“ North Avenue.....	7.00	55.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lowell, St. Paul's.....	150.00	600.00	.....	22.63	10.00	11.00	12.61	10.00	22.31	21.30	283.45
“ Worthen St.....	130.00	377.75	2.25	17.00	12.00	12.00	11.00	18.00	13.00	15.00	45.00
“ Central Ch.....	91.79	146.78	130.00	8.33	5.15	.....	6.44	14.00	4.70	.....	104.00

\* \$200.00 a legacy of Otis J. Graves, Esq., Lynn. † \$300.00 a legacy of Otis J. Graves, Esq., Lynn.  
 ‡ \$100.00 a legacy of Otis J. Graves, Esq., Lynn.



## STATISTICS OF LYNN DISTRICT, NEW-ENGLAND CONFERENCE, FOR 1869—Continued.

STATIONS.	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.										
	Preachers' Aid.	Missions.		Church Extension.	Tract Society.	Bible Society.	S. S. Union.	N. E. Education.	Boston Theological Seminary.	Frd'men's Aid Soc.	Church Aid.
		Church.	School.								
Woburn .....	\$80.00	\$100.00	.....	.....	\$4.00	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$16.00	\$10.00	.....	\$60.00
Stoneham .....	3.50	5.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wakefield .....	85.00	655.50	\$64.50	\$36.00	8.20	9.31	9.40	25.00	16.40	\$10.00	102.16
Malden .....	3.50	13.00	7.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.50	3.00	.....	20.00
Maplewood .....	105.25	300.00	.....	7.25	4.00	10.00	6.00	12.00	15.00	25.00	40.10
Melrose .....	36.59	217.23	25.00	.....	4.50	6.00	4.00	.....	.....	.....	19.18
Medford .....	27.07	38.65	26.15	.....	2.36	1.25	2.14	16.00	6.61	.....	.....
East Saugus .....	15.00	19.00	16.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cliffondale .....	12.00	125.00	.....	10.00	3.00	8.00	3.00	6.00	6.30	8.00	105.13
Salem .....	6.24	9.41	.....	1.29	1.27	1.32	1.12	1.87	1.50	1.04	2619.00
Beverly .....	32.00	36.00	24.00	4.00	3.00	4.00	3.00	6.00	6.00	3.00	20.40
Marblehead .....	3.00	10.00	.....	1.00	2.00	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	20.00
Peabody .....	54.25	155.25	.....	7.30	6.75	10.75	8.50	8.60	6.95	12.10	47.00
Ipswich .....	13.00	38.29	8.71	.....	4.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14.00
Newburyport, 1st Church .....	7.00	15.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.00	.....	15.00
" Purchase St. ....	1.00	10.00	.....	.....	1.50	3.00	.....	2.25	.....	.....	.....
Byfield .....	35.00	145.00	.....	.....	10.00	11.50	8.50	10.00	.....	.....	.....
Gloucester, Elm St. ....	16.75	14.00	8.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.00	3.00	.....	34.15
" Riverdale .....	10.00	47.00	.....	2.00	2.00	6.00	2.00	11.00	6.00	2.00	.....
Rockport .....	8.50	38.50	31.70	3.84	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Topshfield .....	17.22	25.48	.....	.....	2.00	2.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
North Andover .....	.....	8.00	2.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ballardvale .....	3.00	13.00	.....	.....	2.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Groveland .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
West Medford .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total .....	1,968.13	7,233.40	750.41	177.54	162.06	194.56	146.22	376.65	256.99	232.52	3883.71

## STATISTICS OF WORCESTER DISTRICT, NEW-ENGLAND CONFERENCE, FOR 1869.

Worcester, Park Street .....	\$100.27	\$307.00	.....	\$60.50	\$10.00	17.18	\$13.00	\$23.00	\$10.79	\$ .....	\$86.14
" Laurel " .....	51.00	160.00	.....	.....	5.00	10.00	5.00	.....	8.00	.....	130.00
" Main " .....	43.09	125.00	.....	3.00	1.00	10.00	6.07	6.00	5.50	1.00	53.33
" Webster Square .....	9.05	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	19.55
Shrewsbury .....	12.50	40.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8.20
New-England Village .....	1.00	23.00	.....	5.00	1.10	.20	.20	.20	.20	.20	.....
Millbury .....	15.00	13.52	10.05	.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.00	134.00
East Douglas .....	5.00	13.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8.54
Whitinsville .....	10.35	13.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20.56
Leicester .....	3.00	.....	14.15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cherry Valley .....	6.00	20.00	.....	.....	1.50	4.90	1.00	2.00	2.00	.....	12.32
Oxford .....	8.88	13.87	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20.50
Webster .....	70.00	180.00	.....	.....	6.75	.....	6.50	3.30	3.30	.....	32.16
Dudley .....	9.60	20.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16.75
Southbridge .....	21.00	74.88	25.12	.....	4.79	21.56	.....	9.00	.....	.....	20.85
Charlton .....	4.20	8.00	4.00	2.00	.....	2.50	.....	1.00	2.50	2.00	.....
Spencer .....	9.66	29.25	.....	.....	1.15	.....	3.20	.....	.....	.....	12.10
Brookfield .....	5.55	65.50	6.05	.....	.....	22.56	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
East Brookfield .....	10.00	10.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13.30
West Brookfield .....	5.00	15.00	.....	1.00	2.50	2.00	1.50	2.00	1.00	2.50	.....
North Brookfield .....	.....	13.64	.....	.....	1.92	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.56
Warren .....	19.50	56.25	6.00	2.00	2.00	11.25	2.75	7.68	2.00	2.12	30.09
Monson .....	15.00	90.00	.....	.....	.....	4.00	.....	.....	5.00	.....	.....
Wales .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Athol Depot .....	11.00	78.00	.....	1.05	3.00	3.00	3.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	12.80
South Royalston .....	1.50	2.00	3.15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ware .....	7.00	.....	18.00	.....	1.00	2.75	1.82	3.07	.....	.....	15.86
Hardwick .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Barre .....	13.25	167.00	.....	.....	5.35	6.00	.....	8.00	5.00	.....	53.25
Hubbardston .....	4.75	16.50	.....	.....	3.00	.....	3.00	.....	5.25	.....	12.31
East Templeton .....	15.65	13.00	4.40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4.82	6.00
Winchendon .....	14.25	.....	90.00	4.85	2.25	7.86	2.00	4.00	4.00	.....	35.91
Ashburnham .....	14.55	49.85	27.75	3.16	2.33	5.73	2.33	2.26	.....	2.00	9.30
Fitchburg .....	41.06	218.91	2.52	8.36	5.07	9.05	4.17	.....	5.25	1148.05	.....
Leominster .....	52.00	80.00	.....	10.00	3.00	5.00	5.00	10.00	10.00	87.00	25.00
Lunenburg .....	5.00	13.00	.....	.....	2.65	.....	2.60	2.00	.....	3.00	.....
Townsend .....	2.00	19.50	5.10	.....	.....	1.00	2.75	1.50	.....	.....	.....
East Pepperell .....	.....	18.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Clinton .....	8.40	82.65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4.75	8.40	.....
Oakdale .....	9.09	13.90	.....	3.97	3.82	.....	7.34	.....	.....	.....	18.00
Rutland .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Princeton .....	2.00	5,000.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
Total .....	636.15	7,063.72	218.29	106.89	76.18	148.54	75.23	88.01	77.54	267.09	811.58

\* \$5,000.00, legacy of Mrs. Nancy D. Brooks, of Princeton.

† \$140.00 from James Puffer.

## STATISTICS OF SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT, NEW-ENGLAND CONFERENCE, FOR 1869.

STATIONS.	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.										
	Preachers' Aid.	Missions.		Church Extension.	Tract Society.	Bible Society.	S. S. Union.	N. E. Education.	Boston Theological Seminary.	Frdmen's Aid Soc.	Church Aid.
		Church	Schools								
Springfield, Florence Street	\$6 16.75	\$100.00		\$5.00	\$3.50	\$3.00	\$9.35	\$7.00		\$4.00	\$7.17
"    Pynchon    "	32.19	347.00	\$234.00	23.00	7.31	15.00	21.50	11.78	\$11.78	36.25	72.62
"    Union    "	7.10	37.00	54.85	1.85	1.00	5.25	12.00	4.86	5.77	4.30	8.00
"    Central Church	29.00	167.00		5.00	5.00	11.50	17.50	10.00	6.00	5.00	17.00
Wilbraham .....	42.05	247.25									
South Wilbraham .....		16.00									
Ludlow .....	*410.50	*666.50	15.00		2.00	*300.0	*105.0	4.67	*200.0	3.00	15.00
Chicopee .....	26.95	137.73		4.70	7.70	14.58		4.70	4.70		
Chicopee Falls .....	11.00		25.00		2.00	11.25	2.00	3.00	2.00	11.00	30.75
Holyoke .....	6.35	16.00	3.00	3.00	4.00	2.00	3.00	2.00	4.00	2.00	
South Hadley Falls .....	3.37	5.00		1.17	1.15	1.17	1.16	1.16	.50	.50	2 17
Feeding Hills and Agawam ..	3.26	31.25	5.00	1.50	50	16.00	2.05	1.25	1.00		20.75
Southwick .....	3.00	12.00	18.00	2.00	1.00		1.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	
Westfield .....	45.48	361.00		16.52	9.07	12 84	9.14	10.15	11.65	10.50	58.00
"    West Parish .....	3.80	16.00								30.00	
Chester .....	3.00	10.00		2.18							
South Worthington .....	3.00	20.00		3.00							
Southampton .....	12.00	80.00								12.00	
Easthampton .....	12.00	63.00	10.00	5.00	2.50	2.50	2.00	5.00	5.00	3.00	40.00
Northampton .....	9.25	50.50	35.62				4.50	3.53	4.33	3.25	7.50
Williamsburg .....	3.50	10.50			1.25	1.00					8.00
Charlemont .....	5.00	10.00	5.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Heath .....	3.00	8.25			1.00						
Coleraine .....	4.29	36.00			3.00						53.65
Buckland .....		4.00									
Greenfield .....		34.00								6.10	
South Deerfield and Conway	5.00	10.00									
Bernardston .....	7.35	5.00									
Gill .....	3.61	5.00			.50	.50		.50		.50	
North Prescott .....	2.00	30.00		1.00					1.00		
So. Athol and No. Dana .....	2.00	12.00		1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Palmer .....	10.95	49.16						6.72	6.71		
Belchertown .....	2.00	30.00									
Bond's Village .....	5.00	5.00					2.00		2.00		3.00
Pelham .....	10.00	34.00							3.00		14.00
Enfield .....	3.35	19.40	2.54				2.13	2.37			
Amherst .....											
Leyden .....	5.15	11.75			1.40		1.40				
Total .....	\$750.25	2,697.29	408.01	76.92	55.88	398.50	197.73	82.69	272.44	134.40	359.61

\* The full hundreds from bequest of the late Elias Frost.

## COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
In 1869	5,859.88	*25,512.99	490.92	499.99	1,014.06	630.02	763.93	947.17	732.89	7,812.11
" 1868	4,663.45	21,591.94	506.14	491.63	733.96	590.96	848.62	734.81	2,167.61	5,112.80
Increase	1,028.95	3,921.05	.....	8.36	280.10	39.06	.....	212.36	.....	2,699.31
Decrease	.....	.....	15.22	.....	.....	.....	84.69	.....	1,434.62	.....

\*In this amount, three legacies, amounting to 5,900, not properly belonging here, are included. Without these there is a decrease of 1,978.95.

## NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS.

## BOSTON DISTRICT.

L. R. THAYER, *Presiding Elder*.

Boston, Hanover Street.....	Samuel F. Upham.
" Bromfield Street.....	Luther T. Townsend.
" Church Street.....	La Roy S. Brewster.
" Grace Church.....	J. A. M. Chapman.
" Tremont Street.....	Geo. S. Hare.
" Meridian Street.....	William R. Clark.
" Saratoga Street.....	Linville J. Hall.
" Winthrop Street.....	Andrew McKeown.
" Highlands.....	Isaac J. P. Collyer.
" Centenary Church.....	J. L. Hanaford.
" Dorchester Street.....	Wm. McDonald.
" City Mission.....	Jarvis A. Ames.
" Mariners' Church.....	E. T. Taylor, Geo. S. Noyes.
" Revere Street.....	J. N. Mars.
" Washington Street.....	I. G. Sprague.
Chelsea, Walnut Street.....	Willard F. Mallalieu.
" Mount Bellingham.....	J. O. Knowles.
Winthrop.....	To be supplied.
Jamaica Plain.....	Thomas W. Bishop.
Hyde Park.....	George Prentice.
Dorchester.....	Nathaniel Bemis.
Neponset.....	Watson M. Ayres.
Quincy Point.....	Samuel Kelley.
Dedham.....	Supplied by A. B. Smart.
South Walpole.....	J. A. DeForrest.
Newton.....	Charles S. Rogers.
Newton Upper Falls.....	Ralph W. Allen.
Newtonville.....	Cyrus L. Eastman.
Auburndale.....	Supplied by I. G. Bidwell.
Watertown.....	Daniel Richards.
Waltham.....	Daniel E. Chapin.
Weston.....	Geo. Sutherland.
Needham.....	Stephen Cushing.
Newton L. Falls.....	Emory A. Howard.
Natick.....	Henry Lummis.
Ashland.....	Geo. W. Mansfield.
Saxonville.....	Linus Fish.
Cochituate.....	J. Gill.
Holliston.....	Edward S. Best.
Hopkinton.....	W. J. Hambleton.
Milford.....	William H. Hatch.
West Medway.....	William P. Ray.
South Framingham.....	Supplied by F. B. Hamblin.
Mendon.....	J. W. Coolidge.
Westboro'.....	William A. Nottage.
Marlboro'.....	W. W. Colburn.
Rockbottom.....	Augustine Caldwell.
Hudson.....	Samuel Jackson.
Sudbury.....	Miles R. Barney.



William F. Warren, Professor in Boston Theological Seminary.  
 C. Wesley Cushing, Principal of Lasell Seminary, Auburndale.  
 E. D. Winslow, Agent of *Zion's Herald*.  
 William Butler, Secretary of the American and Foreign Christian Union  
 for the M. E. Church.  
 James Porter, one of the Secretaries of the National Temperance Society.  
 J. W. Dadmun, Chaplain of Deer Island Institution, Boston Harbor.  
 B. K. Peirce, Chaplain of House of Refuge, New-York City.  
 Joseph Cummings, President of Wesleyan University, Member of Brom-  
 field-St. Quarterly Conference.

## LYNN DISTRICT.

JEFFERSON HASCALL, *Presiding Elder*.

Lynn, Common Street.....David H. Ela.  
 " St. Paul's.....John C. Smith.  
 " South Street.....S. B. Sweetser.  
 " Maple Street.....Franklin G. Morris.  
 " Boston Street.....Supplied by J. W. Lindsay.  
 Swampscott.....Thomas J. Abbott.  
 Charlestown, Trinity Church.....Henry W. Warren.  
 " Union Church.....Frederic Woods.  
 Somerville.....A. Gould, Wesley C. Sawyer.  
 " East.....Supplied by G. Beekman.  
 Cambridge, East.....Pliny Wood.  
 " Harvard Street.....Nelson Stutson.  
 " North Avenue.....James Mudge.  
 Lowell, St. Paul's.....Sylvester F. Jones.  
 " Worthen Street.....Geo. Whitaker.  
 " Central Church.....William C. High.  
 Woburn.....John A. Lansing.  
 Stoneham.....M. M. Parkhurst.  
 Reading.....Hiram D. Weston.  
 Wakefield.....Daniel Atkins.  
 Malden.....T. Berton Smith.  
 Maplewood.....John W. Hamilton.  
 Melrose.....Frank K. Stratton.  
 Medford.....Nicholas T. Whitaker.  
 West Medford.....M. B. Chapman.  
 East Saugus.....Jesse Wagner.  
 Cliftondale.....To be supplied.  
 Salem.....Daniel Dorchester.  
 Beverly.....Jonas M. Bailey.  
 Marblehead.....Zach. A. Mudge.  
 Peabody.....Wm. G. Leonard,  
 Ipswich.....Charles A. Merrill.  
 Newburyport, First Church.....M. Emory Wright.  
 " Purchase Street.....John Capen.  
 Byfield.....Supplied by J. F. Mears.  
 Gloucester, Elm Street.....Austin F. Herrick.  
 " Riverdale.....Allen J. Hall.  
 Rockport.....William D. Bridge.  
 Topsfield.....S. Freeman Chase.  
 North Andover.....John S. Day.  
 Groveland.....S. H. Noon.  
 Ballardvale.....Supplied by J. N. Short.



Gilbert Haven, Editor of *Zion's Herald*, member of Malden Quarterly Conference.

William R. Stone, Chaplain of Middlesex House of Correction, member of Harvard-street Quarterly Conference.

Abraham M. Osgood, Agent of Massachusetts Bible Society, member of Marblehead Quarterly Conference.

J. W. Lindsay, Professor in Boston Theological Seminary, member of Boston-street, Lynn Quarterly Conference.

## WORCESTER DISTRICT.

LORANUS CROWELL, *Presiding Elder*.

Worcester, Park Street.....	Charles N. Smith.
“ Laurel Street.....	William Pentecost.
“ Main Street.....	J. Oramel Peck.
“ Webster Square.....	C. H. Hanaford.
Shrewsbury.....	William Merrill.
New-England Village .....	Supplied by John Goodwin.
Millbury.....	Thomas B. Treadwell.
East Douglas .....	William Silverthorn.
Whitinsville.....	Robert G. Adams.
Leicester.....	Samuel A. Fuller.
Cherry Valley.....	Burtis Judd.
Oxford.....	Daniel Wait.
Webster.....	Albinus O. Hamilton.
Dudley.....	Wm. F. Lacount.
Southbridge.....	Wm. A. Braman.
Charlton.....	E. J. Moore.
Spencer.....	J. Wesley Cole.
Brookfield.....	R. H. Howard.
“ East.....	Supplied by S. F. Cushman.
“ West.....	Ichabod Marcy.
“ North.....	Gilbert R. Bent.
Warren.....	J. L. Locke.
Monson.....	Charles K. True.
Wales.....	Geo. Hewes.
Athol Depot.....	C. L. McCurdy.
South Royalston.....	John F. Bassett.
Ware.....	Geo. F. Eaton.
Hardwick.....	To be supplied.
Barre.....	F. T. George.
Hubbardston.....	P. M. Vinton.
East Templeton.....	Daniel K. Banister.
Winchendon.....	Isaac S. Cushman.
Ashburnham.....	Nathan D. George.
Fitchburg.....	Joseph Scott.
Leominster.....	John Peterson.
Lunenburg.....	L. P. Causey.
Townsend.....	Supplied by A. K. Howard.
East Pepperell.....	Supplied by Asa Barnes.
Clinton.....	J. W. Lewis.
Oakdale.....	Walter Wilkie.
Princeton.....	N. F. Stevens.
Gardner.....	Wm. P. Blackmer.
Groton Junction.....	Supplied by C. R. Harding.
Rutland.....	To be supplied.

## SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

DAVID SHERMAN, *Presiding Elder.*

Springfield, Florence Street.....	S. Roy, W. Rice.
“ Union Street.....	Joseph H. Mansfield.
“ Pynchon Street.....	C. D. Hills.
“ Central Church.....	To be supplied.
East Longmeadow.....	J. Candlin.
Wilbraham.....	Franklin Furber.
“ South .....	Wm. B. Toulmin.
“ Glendale. ....	Supplied by C. N. Merrifield.
Ludlow and Jenksville.....	Jonas M. Clark.
Chicopee.....	Edward A. Manning.
“ Falls.....	E. W. Virgin.
Holyoke.....	I. B. Bigelow.
Hadley.....	H. S. Booth.
“ South.....	Alfred Noon.
Feeding Hills and Agawam.....	Supplied by J. M. Hascall.
Southwick.....	Supplied by H. H. Olds.
Westfield.....	John H. Mansfield.
“ West Parish .....	Supplied by S. O. Brown.
Russell.....	Nathaniel J. Merrill.
Blandford... ..	David K. Merrill.
Chester.....	William Gordon.
Worthington.....	Nathaniel H. Martin.
Montgomery.....	Supplied by J. J. Woodbury.
Southampton.....	John W. Merrill.
Easthampton.....	Charles T. Johnson.
Northampton.....	Swinburne Whedon.
Williamsburg.....	Wm. J. Pomfret.
Charlemont.....	John H. Gaylord.
Heath.....	W. H. Adams.
Coleraine.....	Alonzo Sanderson.
Buckland.....	John H. Lord.
Shelbarne Falls.....	Charles H. Vinton.
Greenfield.....	Lorenzo A. Bosworth.
Leyden.....	Benj. I. Johnson.
South Deerfield and Conway.....	J. Cadwell.
Bernardston.....	A. Baylies.
Gill.....	To be supplied.
Northfield and Lock's Village.....	To be supplied.
New Salem.....	Supplied by W. Wignall.
North Prescott.....	O. W. Adams.
South Athol and Dana.....	R. Mitchell.
Palmer.....	N. Fellows.
Belchertown.....	Supplied by E. J. Stevens.
South Belchertown.....	To be supplied.
Bondville.....	Wm. M. Hubbard.
Pelham.....	John Noon.
Enfield.....	John W. Lee.
Amherst.....	Supplied by L. Dibble.
Edward Cooke, Principal of Wesleyan Academy, Wilbraham.	
Lorenzo White, Principal of New Salem Academy.	
H. Brownson, Agt. of Am. Bible Soc., member of Pynchon-st. Q. Confer'e.	
C. H. Newell, transferred to Des Moines Conference.	
A. F. Bailey, transferred to Troy Conference.	
J. W. P. Jordan, transferred to Rock River Conference.	
A. Canoll, transferred to New Hampshire Conference.	
J. W. F. Barnes, transferred to Providence Conference.	

## ALPHABETICAL LIST

OF THE

MEMBERS OF THE NEW-ENGLAND CONFERENCE, FOR 1869-70, WITH  
THEIR POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.

The figures in the first column indicate the time of joining Conference. The letters designate the present relation,—D. *Deacon*, E. *Elder*, S't. *Superannuate*, S'y. *Super-numerary*.

The figures in the last column indicate whether it is the first, second, or third year of appointment.

1861.	Adams, O. W.	E.	North Prescott	2
1869.	Adams, W. H.	E.	Heath	1
1858.	Abbott, Thomas J.	E.	Swampscott	3
1833.	Allen, Ralph W.	E.	Newton Upper Falls	1
1856.	Ames, Jarvis A.	E.	Boston	1
1852.	Atkins, Daniel	E.	Wakefield	3
1863.	Ayres, Watson M.	E.	Neponset	2
1856.	Bailey, Jonas M.	E.	Beverly	2
1834.	Banister, Daniel K.	E.	E. Templeton	1
1864.	Barney, Miles R.	E.	Sudbury	1
1855.	Barrows, Justin S.	E.	Weston, Vt.	S'y.
1866.	Bassett, John F.	D.	South Royalston	1
1858.	Baylies, Andrew	E.	Gill	1
1843.	Bemis, Nathaniel	E.	Milton	2
1855.	Bent, Gilbert R.	E.	North Brookfield	2
1851.	Best, Edward S.	E.	Holliston	2
1842.	Bigelow, Increase B.	E.	Holyoke	2
1826.	Binney, Amos	E.	New Haven, Conn.	S'y.
1856.	Blackmer, Wm. P.	E.	Gardiner	1
1864.	Bosworth, Lorenzo A.	E.	Greenfield	1
1869.	Booth, Houghton S.	D.	Hadley	1
1836.	Boyden, Luman	E.	Chelsea	S'y.
1844.	Braman, Wm. A.	E.	Southbridge	2
1858.	Brewster, La Roy S.	E.	Boston	3
1830.	Brown, Thomas G.	E.	E. Hampton, Ct.	S't.
1826.	Brownson, Hector	E.	Rhinebeck, N. Y. (Bible Agent)	
1844.	Butler, William	E.	New York	1
1863.	Bridge, Wm. D.	E.	Rockport	1
1836.	Cadwell, John	E.	South Deerfield	2
1864.	Caldwell, A.	E.	Rock Bottom	2
1855.	Capen, John	E.	Newburyport	2
1844.	Chapin, Daniel E.	E.	Waltham	2
1854.	Chapman, J. A. M.	E.	Boston	1
1850.	Chapman, Geo. E.	E.		1
1859.	Chase, S. Freeman	E.	Topsfield	1
1837.	Clapp, Wm. A.	E.	E. Foxboro'	S't.
1848.	Clark, Jonas M.	E.	Ludlow	1
1844.	Clark, Wm. R.	E.	East Boston	3
1842.	Cook, Albert A.	E.	Milford	S't.
1860.	Colburn, W. W.	E.	Marlboro'	2
1865.	Cole, J. Wesley	D.	Spencer	1
1844.	Collyer, Isaac J. P.	E.	Boston Highlands	1
1843.	Cooke, Edward	E.	Wilbraham	5
1855.	Coolidge, John W.	E.	Leominster	1
1830.	Cox, Gershom F.	E.	Portland, Me.	S't.
1820.	Crandall, Phineas	E.	Moosup, Ct.	S't.
1844.	Crowell, Loranus	E.	Worcester, (P. E.)	1
1846.	Cummings, Joseph	E.	Middletown, Ct. (W. Univ.)	10
1854.	Cushing, C. Wesley	E.	Auburdale	5
1832.	Cushing, Samuel A.	E.	Middletown, Ct.	S't.
1833.	Cushing, Stephen	E.	Boston	1
1852.	Cushman, I. S.	E.	Winchendon	1
1842.	Dadmun, John W.	E.	Deer Island, Boston Harbor	S'y, 5
1843.	Day, John S.	E.	North Andover	2
1867.	DeForrest, J. A.	E.	South Walpole	1
1847.	Dorchester, Daniel	E.	Salem	1
1838.	Dunham, Howard C.	E.	Winthrop	S't.
1831.	Dwight, Mosely	E.	Chelsea	S't.
1844.	Eastman, Cyrus L.	E.	Newtonville	2
1860.	Eaton, Geo. F.	E.	Ware	2
1858.	Ela, David H.	E.	Lynn	1
1849.	Estey, Jonathan L.	E.	Boston	S'y.



1852.	Fish, Linus	E.	Saxonville	2
1836.	Fisk, Franklin	E.	Wilbraham	S't.
1855.	Fuller, S. A.	E.	Leicester	1
1842.	Furber, Franklin	E.	Wilbraham	2
1853.	Gaylord, John H.	E.	Charlemont	3
1835.	George, Nathan D.	E.	Ashburnham	1
1860.	George, F. T.	E.	Barre	2
1859.	Gill, J.	E.	Cochituate	1
1834.	Gordon, William	E.	Chester	1
1858.	Gould, Albert	E.	Somerville	2
1867.	Hall, Allen J.	D.	Gloucester	2
1842.	Hall, Henry P.	E.	Chelsea	S't.
1855.	Hall, Linville J.	E.	East Boston	3
1856.	Hambleton, Wm. J.	E.	Hopkinton	2
1857.	Hamilton, Albinus O.	E.	Webster	2
1866.	Hamilton, John W.	E.	Maplewood	2
1859.	Hanaford, Chas. H.	E.	Worcester	1
1845.	Hanaford, Jeremiah L.	E.	So. Boston	3
	Hare, George S.	E.	Boston	1
1830.	Hascall, Jefferson	E.	Shrewsbury (P. E.)	4
1834.	Hatch, Wm. H.	E.	Milford	1
1851.	Haven, Gilbert	E.	11 Cornhill, Boston	3
1853.	Herrick, Austin F.	E.	Gloucester	1
1860.	Hewes, Geo.	D.	Wales	2
1851.	High, Wm. C.	E.	Lowell	3
1865.	Hills, C. D.	E.	Springfield	3
1863.	Howard, R. H.	E.	Brookfield	1
1860.	Hubbard, W. M.	E.	Bond's Village	2
1841.	Ingalls, John C.	E.	Melrose	S'y.
1859.	Jackson, Samuel	E.	Hudson	2
1818.	Jennison, Isaac	E.	Natick	S't.
1863.	Johnson, C. T.	E.	Easthampton	2
	Johnson Benj. L.	E.	Leyden	1
1866.	Jones, Sylvester F.	E.	Lowell	3
1850.	Judd, Burtis	E.	Cherry Valley	1
1822.	Kelley, Samuel	E.	Quincy Point	1
1859.	Knowles, James O.	E.	Chelsea	1
1847.	Lacount, Wm. F.	E.	Dudley	2
1865.	Lansing, John A.	E.	Woburn	2
1854.	Lee, John W.	E.	Enfield	2
1860.	Leonard, W. G.	E.	Peabody	1
1835.	Lewis, J. W.	E.	Clinton	2
1843.	Lindsay, J. W.	E.	Boston	1
1863.	Locke, J. L.	E.	Warren	1
1868.	Lummis, Henry	E.	Natick	1
1843.	McDonald, Wm.	E.	South Boston	1
1852.	McKeown, A.	E.	Boston Highlands	3
1858.	Mallalieu, Willard F.	E.	Chelsea	2
1843.	Manning, Edward A.	E.	Chicopee	3
1858.	Mansfield, Geo. W.	E.	Ashland	2
1856.	Mansfield, John H.	E.	Westfield	2
1866.	Mansfield, Jos. H.	E.	Springfield	1
1841.	Marcy, Ichabod	E.	West Brookfield	2
1835.	Marcy, Thomas	E.	South Walpole	S'y.
1864.	Mars, J. N.	E.	Boston	1
1855.	Martin, Nathaniel H.	E.	So. Worthington	1
1834.	McCurdy, Converse L.	E.	Athol Depot	1
1822.	Merrill, Abraham D.	E.	Old Cambridge	S't.
1855.	Merrill, Charles A.	E.	Ipswich	1
1842.	Merrill, David K.	E.	Blandford	1
1842.	Merrill, John M.	E.	Dorchester, Upham's Corner, Mass	S't.
1838.	Merrill, John W.	E.	Southampton	1
1843.	Merrill, Nathaniel J.	E.	Russell	1
1859.	Merrill, William	E.	Shrewsbury	1
1839.	Mitchell, Randall	E.	North Dana	2
1833.	Morgan, Erasmus B.	E.	Savoy	S't.
1865.	Morris, Franklin G.	E.	Lynn	2
1861.	Morse, Frank C.	E.	Reno, Kansas	S'y.
1828.	Moulton, Horace	E.	Stafford Springs, Conn.	S't.
1830.	Mowry, James W.	E.	Barre	S'y.
1840.	Mudge, Zachariah A.	E.	Marblehead	2
1857.	Moore, E. J.	E.	Charlton	1
1851.	Newhall, Fales H.	E.	Middletown, Ct	6
1830.	Noble, Charles	E.	Wilbraham	S'y.
1855.	Noon, John	E.	Amherst	2
1866.	Nottage, Wm. A.	D.	Westboro'	2
1863.	Noyes, Geo. S.	E.	Boston	4
1839.	Osgood, Abraham M.	E.	Marblehead (agent Bib. Soc.)	4
1814.	Otheman, Bartholomew	E.	Duxbury	S'y.
1835.	Otheman, Edward	E.	Chelsea	S'y.
1860.	Parkhurst, M. M.	E.	Stoneham	2
1848.	Parmenter, H. R.	E.	Claremont Landing, Surry Co. Va	S'y.



	Parsons, R. C.	E.	Salem	1
1859.	Fellows, Nathaniel	E.	Thorndike	1
1860.	Peck, J. O.	E.	Worcester	3
1848.	Pentecost, Wm.	E.	Worcester	1
1859.	Peterson, John	E.	Leominster	1
1842.	Peirce, B. K.	E.	Harlem, N. Y. (Chaplain)	7
1856.	Pomfret, Wm. J.	E.	Williamsburg	3
1830.	Porter, James	E.	New York	1
1861.	Potter, Thos. C.	E.	Rutland, Vt.	S'y.
1857.	Prentice, George	E.	Hyde Park	1
1869.	Ray, William P.	E.	West Medway	1
1841.	Rice, Wm.	E.	Springfield	5
1842.	Richards, Daniel	E.	Watertown	2
1859.	Rogers, Charles S.	E.	Newton	3
1859.	Round, J. Emory	E.	Brooklyn, N. Y.	S'y.
1858.	Roy, Samuel	E.	Springfield	2
1863.	Sanderson, Alonzo	E.	Coleraine	3
1822.	Sargeant, Aaron D.	E.	Malden	S'y.
1830.	Scott, Ephraim	E.	Heath	S't.
1859.	Scott, Joseph	E.	Fitchburg	1
1858.	Sewall, Chas. H.	E.	Jamaica Plain	S'y.
1843.	Sherman, David	E.	(P. E.) Wilbraham	4
1851.	Silverthorn, Wm.	E.	East Douglas	2
1842.	Smith, Charles N.	E.	Worcester	2
1848.	Smith, John C.	E.	Lynn	1
1867.	Smith, T. Berton	E.	Malden	2
1839.	Smith, Willard	E.	Chelsea	S'y.
1863.	Snow, Edwin S.	E.	Boston	S'y.
1843.	Soule, Nathan A.	E.	Natick	S't.
1822.	Spaulding, Newell S.	E.	Bible House, New York	S't.
	Stebbins, L. D.	E.	Fairfield, N. Y.	S'y.
1861.	Stevens, N. F.	E.	Princeton	1
1825.	Stone, Wm. R.	E.	Cambridgeport (Chaplain)	17
1860.	Stratton, Frank K.	E.	Melrose	2
1861.	Sweetser, S. B.	E.	Lynn	3
1859.	Stutson, Nelson	E.	Cambridgeport	2
1825.	Sutherland, George	E.	Weston	2
1819.	Taylor, Edward T.	E.	Boston (Mariners' Church)	41
1841.	Thayer, Lorenzo R.	E.	(P. E.) Newtonville	4
1859.	Toulmin, Wm. B.	E.	South Wilbraham	3
1862.	Townsend, Luther T.	E.	Boston	2
1853.	Treadwell, Thos. B.	E.	Millbury	1
1833.	True, Charles K.	E.	Monson	1
1812.	Tucker, Thomas W.	E.	Chelsea	S't.
1844.	Twombly, John H.	E.	Charlestown	S'y.
1856.	Upham, Samuel F.	E.	Boston	3
1859.	Vinton, P. M.	E.	Hubbardston	2
1863.	Vinton, C. H.	E.	Shelburne Falls	1
1860.	Virgin, E. W.	E.	Chicopee Falls	2
1862.	Wagner, Jesse	E.	E. Saugus	1
1854.	Wait, Daniel	E.	Oxford	1
1855.	Warren, Henry W.	E.	Charlestown	2
1858.	Warren, W. F.	E.	Boston	3
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## Deceased Members of the N. E. Conference.

1806 - 1869.

Entered Ministry.	NAMES.	Time of Decease.	Age.	Years in Ministry.
1796	Peter Jayne .....	September 5, 1806. ....	28	10
1805	Henry Martin .....	December 6, 1808 .....		3
1806	William Hunt .....	June 17, 1810. ....	23	4
1806	Greenleaf R. Norris.....	September 29, 1811. ....	27	5
1808	Abner Clark .....	February 20, 1814 .....	25	6
1813	Jason Walker .....	April 10, 1819 .....	26	6
1812	Richard Emery .....	January 7, 1821 .....	26	9
1822	Samuel G. Atkins .....	February 27, 1826 .....	27	4
1818	Damon Young .....	March 12, 1826 .....	33	8
1809	Edward Hyde .....	March 16, 1832 .....	46	23
1824	Ebenezer Ireson .....	December 36, 1833 .....	33	9
1817	Benjamin Keith .....	February 11, 1834 .....	46	17
1830	Samuel Osgood Wright....	March 29, 1834 .....	25	4
1832	Oliver E. Bosworth.....	March 5, 1835 .....	26	4
1801	Phineas Peck.....	—, 1835 .....		34
1828	George Stone .....	December 30, 1838 .....	33	10
1818	Wilbur Fisk .....	February 22, 1839 .....	47	21
1835	Joshua W. Downing .....	July 5, 1839 .....	26	4
1837	Joseph S. Ellis .....	June 19, 1842 .....	30	5
1836	William Smith .....	March 30, 1843 .....	41	7
1835	James Oliver Dean .....	October 12, 1844 .....	34	9
1833	Jason Lee .....	March 12, 1845 .....	42	12
1829	Edmund Murphy Beebe....	March 19, 1845 .....	40	16
1796	Timothy Merritt.....	May 2, 1845 .....	71	49
1824	Reuben Ransom .....	—, 1845 .....	51	21
1838	James Mudge .....	February 28, 1846 .....	37	8
1806	Joel Steele .....	August 23, 1846 .....	64	40
1790	George Pickering.....	December 8, 1846 .....	77	56
1834	Thomas W. Gile .....	October 7, 1847 .....	46	13
1807	Joseph A. Merrill .....	July 22, 1849 .....	64	42
1840	John Clark .....	October 19, 1849 .....	39	9
1838	Moses Palmer .....	March 18, 1850 .....	35	12
1793	Enoch Mudge .....	April 2, 1850 .....	74	57
1844	William Bardwell .....	March 27, 1851 .....	37	7
1814	Thomas C. Peirce .....	May 25, 1851 .....	60	37
1841	Charles W. Ainsworth .....	September 23, 1851.....	34	10
1835	George Washington Bates ..	September 24, 1851.....	40	16
1803	Elijah Willard .....	September 5, 1852 .....	70	49
1828	Robert D. Easterbrook .....	November —, 1852 .....	49	24
1820	Jotham Horton .....	February 28, 1853 .....	54	33
1807	Charles Virgin .....	April 1, 1853 .....	66	46
1835	Freeman Nutting.....	December 7, 1853 .....	42	18
1841	Isaac Aylsworth Savage .....	February 16, 1854 .....	39	13
1833	James Shepard.....	May 22, 1855 .....	53	22
1834	Windsor Ward .....	September 3, 1855.....	43	21
1834	Jonathan D. Bridge .....	July 25, 1856 .....	44	22
1842	John W. Perkins .....	February 8, 1858 .....	44	16
1837	William M. Mann .....	January 11, 1859 .....	42	22
1812	Joseph Ireson .....	September 5, 1859 .....	70	47
1843	Isaac Smith .....	July 16, 1860 .....	43	17
1805	Erastus Otis .....	August 20, 1860 .....	77	55
1846	Joseph Augustus Adams....	August 27, 1860 .....	42	14
1809	Amasa Taylor .....	October 18, 1860 .....	73	51
1839	Moses A. Howe .....	January 27, 1861 .....	51	22
1806	Benjamin F. Lambord .....	March 19, 1862 .....	76	56
1843	Henry E. Hempstead .....	December 21, 1862 .....	41	18
1836	George Washington Green ..	October 8, 1863 .....	47	28
1821	Charles Baker .....	August 16, 1864 .....	66	43
1798	Epaphras Kibby .....	September 8, 1864 .....	87	67
1839	Chester Field .....	November 24, 1864.....	48	25
1808	David Kilburn .....	July 13, 1865 .....	80	57
1831	Charles S. Macreading .....	April 11, 1866 .....	54	35
1812	Jacob Sanborn .....	March 16, 1867 .....	79	55
1850	Oliver S. Howe .....	April 7, 1867 .....	42	17
1865	Henry T. Eddy .....	September 27, 1866 .....	26	3
1804	J. W. H. Ames .....	June 12, 1866 .....		3
1806	E. F. Newell .....	March 8, 1867 .....	91	61
1823	Stephen Puffer .....	April 23, 1867 .....	71	44
1844	Samuel Tupper .....	January 11, 1869 .....	48	25
1868	Benj. Frank Chace.....	March 28, 1869 .....	28	1



# BISHOPS OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SINCE ITS ORGANIZATION IN 1784.

NAMES.	WHERE AND WHEN BORN.	IN WHAT CONFERENCE ENTERED THE MINISTRY.	No. of years in the ministry when made Bishop.	WHERE AND WHEN ELECTED BISHOP.	REMARKS.
Thomas Coke.....	Wales.....1747	British Conference.1778	6	Baltimore*.....1784	Died at sea, May 3, 1814, aged 67.
Francis Asbury.....	England.....1745	British Conference.1766	18	Baltimore†.....1784	Died at George Arnold's, Va., Mar. 31, 1816, aged 71.
Richard Whatcoat.....	England.....1736	British Conference.1769	31	Baltimore.....1800	Died at the residence of Richard Basset, Dover, Del., July 5, 1806, aged 71.
William McKendree.....	Virginia.....1757	Virginia.....1788	20	Baltimore.....1808	Died at Dr. J. McKendree's, Sumner County, Tenn., March 5, 1855, aged 78.
Enoch George.....	Virginia.....1767	Virginia.....1790	26	Baltimore.....1816	Died in Staunton, Va., Aug. 23, 1828, aged 60.
Robert Richford Roberts	Maryland.....1778	Baltimore.....1802	14	Baltimore.....1816	Died at his residence in Indiana, Mar. 28, 1843, aged 65.
Joshua Soule.....	Maine.....1781	New York.....1799	25	Baltimore.....1824	Became Bishop of the M. E. Church, South, in 1846; died at Nashville, Tenn. Feb. 6, 1867, aged 85 yrs.
Elijah Hedding.....	New York.....1780	New England....1801	23	Baltimore.....1824	Died in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., April 9, 1852, aged 72
James Osgood Andrew...	Georgia.....1794	South Carolina.....1813	19	Philadelphia.....1832	Became Bishop of the M. E. Church, South, 1846.
John Emory.....	Maryland.....1789	Philadelphia.....1810	22	Philadelphia.....1832	Thrown from his carriage, in Riestertown, Md., and died the same day, Dec. 16, 1835, aged 47.
Beverly Waugh.....	Virginia.....1789	Baltimore.....1809	27	Cincinnati.....1836	Died in Baltimore, Md., Feb. 9, 1858, aged 69.
Thomas A. Morris.....	Virginia.....1794	Ohio.....1816	20	Cincinnati.....1836	Residence, Springfield, Ohio.
Leonidas Lent Hamline...	Connecticut.....1797	Ohio.....1733	11	New York.....1844	Resigned the Episcopal office, 1852. Died at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, March 22, 1865.
Edmund Storer James....	Massachusetts.1807	Philadelphia.....1830	14	New York.....1844	Residence, New York City.
Levi Scott.....	Delaware.....1802	Philadelphia.....1826	26	Boston.....1852	Residence, Odessa, Del.
Matthew Simpson.....	Ohio.....1811	Pittsburg.....1833	19	Boston.....1852	Residence, Philadelphia, Pa.
Osmon Cleander Baker...	N. Hampshire.1812	New Hampshire...1839	13	Boston.....1852	Residence, Concord, N. H.
Edward Raymond Ames...	Ohio.....1806	Illinois.....1830	22	Boston.....1852	Residence, Baltimore, Md.
Francis Burns†.....	New York.....1809	Liberia.....1834	24	Liberia§.....1858	Died in Baltimore, Md., April 18, 1863, aged 53.
Davis W. Clark.....	Maine.....1812	New York.....1843	21	Philadelphia.....1864	Residence, Cincinnati, Ohio.
Edward Thomson.....	England.....1810	Ohio.....1833	31	Philadelphia.....1864	Residence, Delaware, Ohio.
Calvin Kingsley.....	New York.....1812	Erie.....1841	23	Philadelphia.....1864	Residence, Cleveland, Ohio.
John Wright Roberts...	.....	Liberia.....1838	..	Mourovla.....1866	Residence, Monrovia, Africa.

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